

# One word to describe the last water year? Dry



Even though most ski resorts in the Tahoe area have snow on Oct. 3 just like Squaw Valley, temps are supposed to be in the high 60s by the end of the week, with dry times returning. Photo/Provided

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There were high hopes going into water year 2016.

To hear some forecasters and scientists tell it, El Niño was coming to save California. With a little luck and a lot of rain, the drought might finally recede in its fifth year – or at least loosen its grip on the state.

The weather phenomenon did show up, fueling some storms in Northern California. But it fell far short of the lofty expectations.

On Friday, water year 2016 ended with a whimper.

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