

California's drought-to-deluge cycle getting worse



Ski resort infrastructure has been buried this ski season. Photo Copyright 2017 Carolyn E. Wright

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California's climate has long been dominated by cycles of intense dry conditions followed by heavy rain and snow.

But never before in recorded history has the state seen such an extreme drought-to-deluge swing.

Experts and state water officials say California is seeing more of these intense weather swings as temperatures warm, which has profound implications for the droughts and floods the state may face in the generations to come.

The extreme cycles of dry and wet weather appear to have been intensifying over the last three decades.

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