

Politics and money, not science or common sense, have mostly guided water policymaking in the West.

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**Yes, If Status Quo...
Can Beat Droughts!**

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**"California is still in a drought."
For me**

**The history of American West
written in many droughts!
Water 'controls' society,
but we 'govern' that water.**

- **Less than 'normal' rain = H₂O Shortage**
- **Scientific - departure from history**
- **Deficient precip > mucho crop damage**
- **Unsustainable Use of H₂O Supplies**
- **Droughts normal in all climatic zones**



***Got Geckes
El Niño!***

Not Yet?

***It's a Super
Drought!***

YIKES!

Los Angeles' five-year rainfall total hits bottom

2011-2016 marked the driest five consecutive rainy seasons in downtown L.A.



Source: National Weather Service

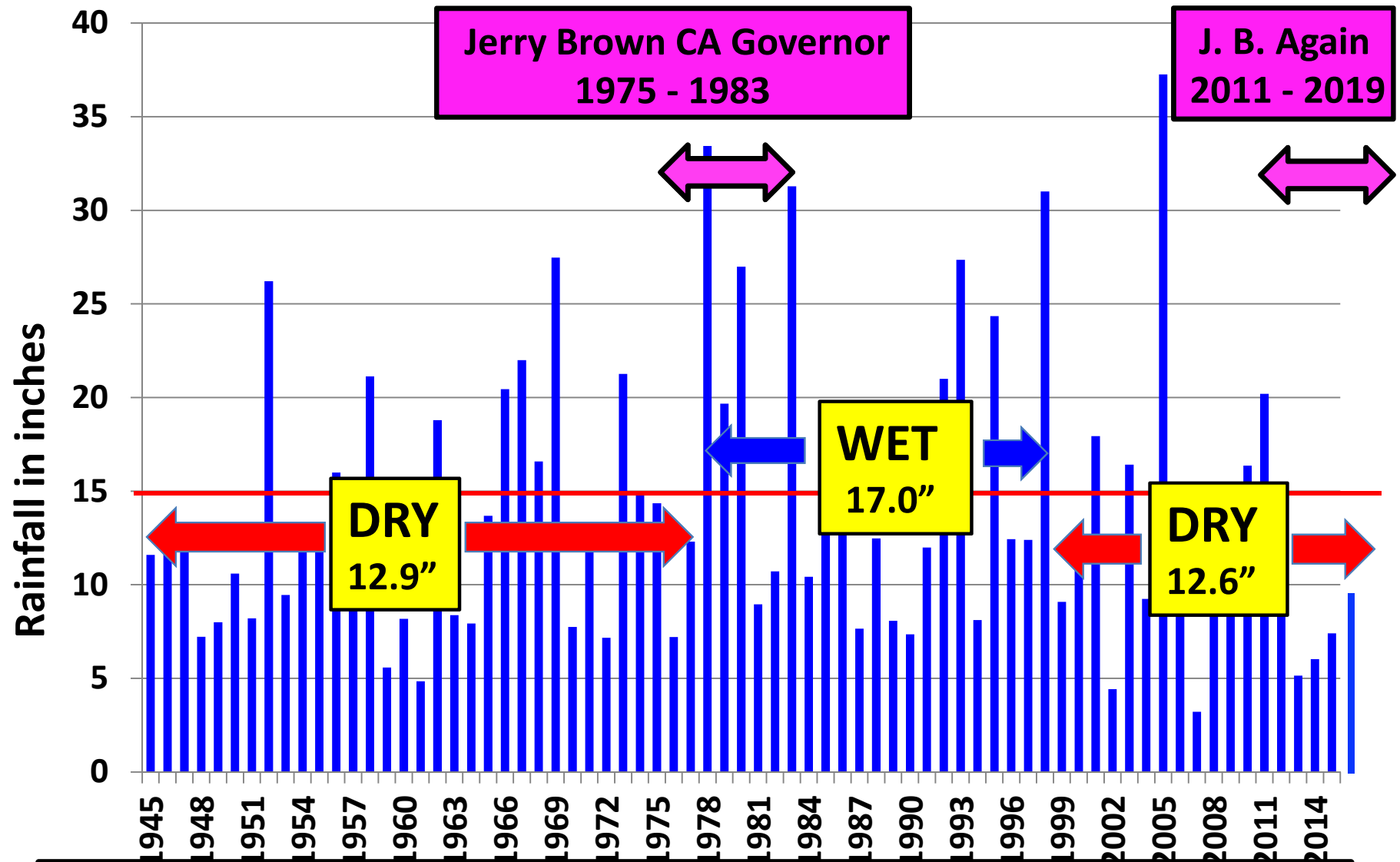
*Normal would be 75.0 inches

Lake Mead = Bill's Drought Gauge



Downtown Los Angeles Rainfall 1945 – 2016

Decades of **Droughts** & **Deluges**!



DROUGHTS ARE LONG!

DROUGHT-RIDDEN
CALIFORNIA NEEDS
A SAVIOR...

NAPA WINERY

GOV. BROWN
HAS SENT ME
TO CHANGE
YOUR WINE
INTO WATER.

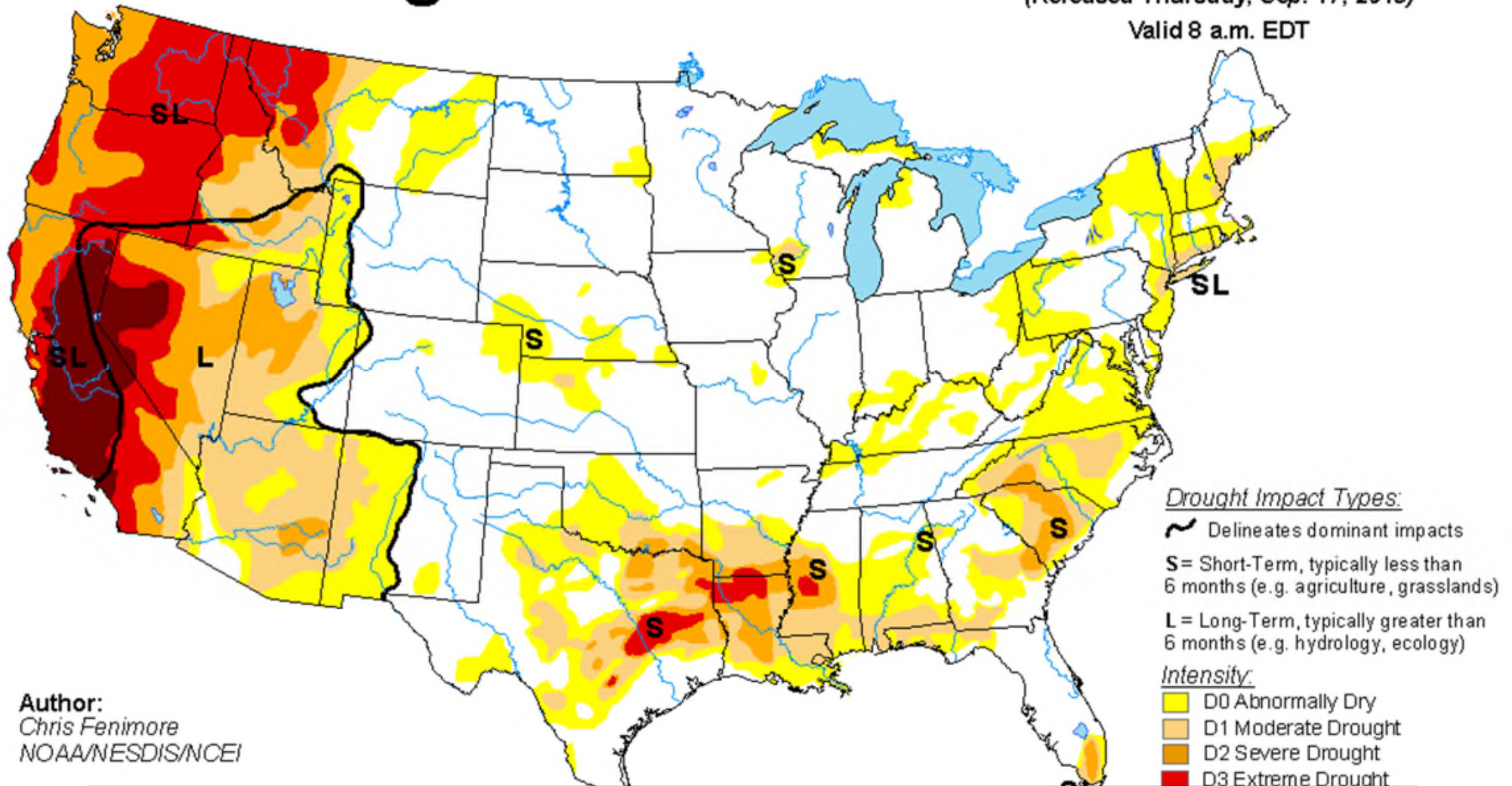
**Jerry Brown's Droughts
Has His Luck Runout?**

U.S. Drought Monitor

September 15, 2015

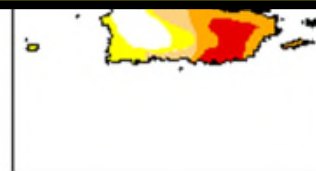
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DROUGHTS ARE LARGE!



<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>

More than 50% of California is in
severe drought

DROUGHTS WAX & WANE!

