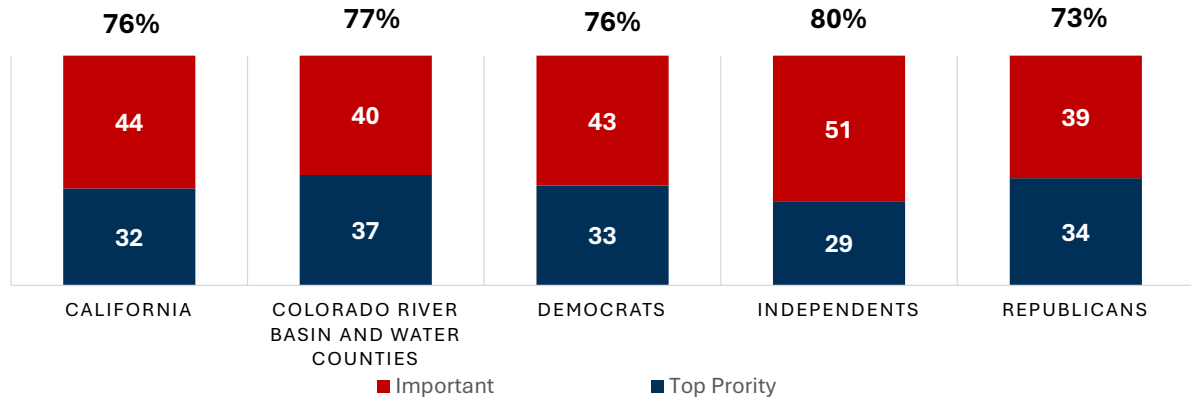


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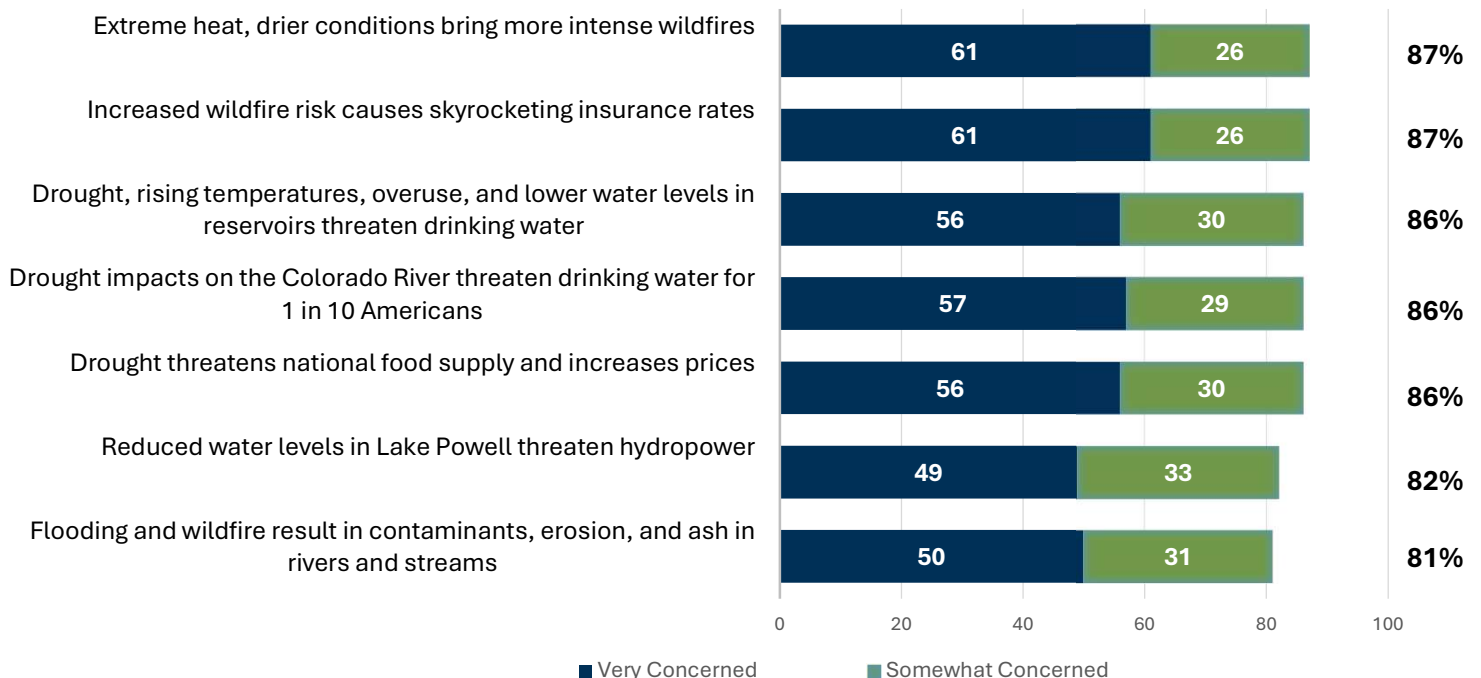
Key Takeaways:

- 76% of California adults believe addressing drought impacts and diminishing water supplies from the Colorado River is a priority.
- Nearly all California adults believe that it is important for federal officials (86%) and California state officials (86%) to improve water security in the Colorado River Basin.
- California adults are concerned drier conditions and diminishing the Colorado River water will bring more intense wildfires, cause skyrocketing insurance rates, and threaten drinking water supplies.
- California adults believe government officials should prioritize restoring wetlands, implementing water-saving strategies, increasing agricultural efficiency, and managing forests to protect water supplies. Concern about the drought and diminishing water supplies is a bipartisan issue with high concern across the political parties.

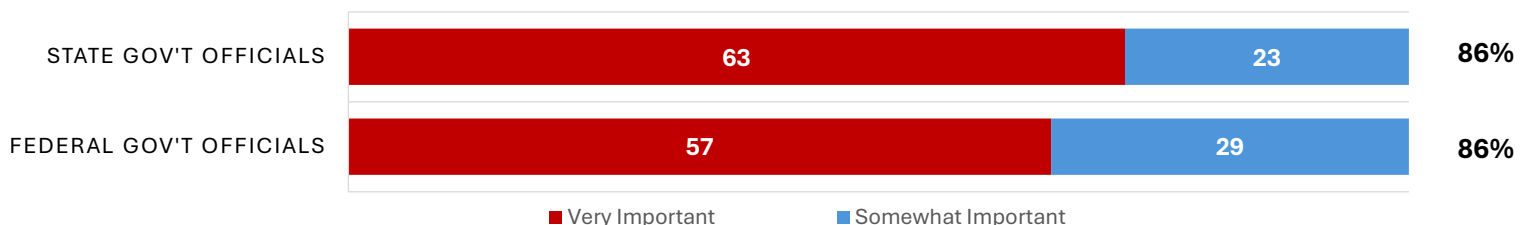
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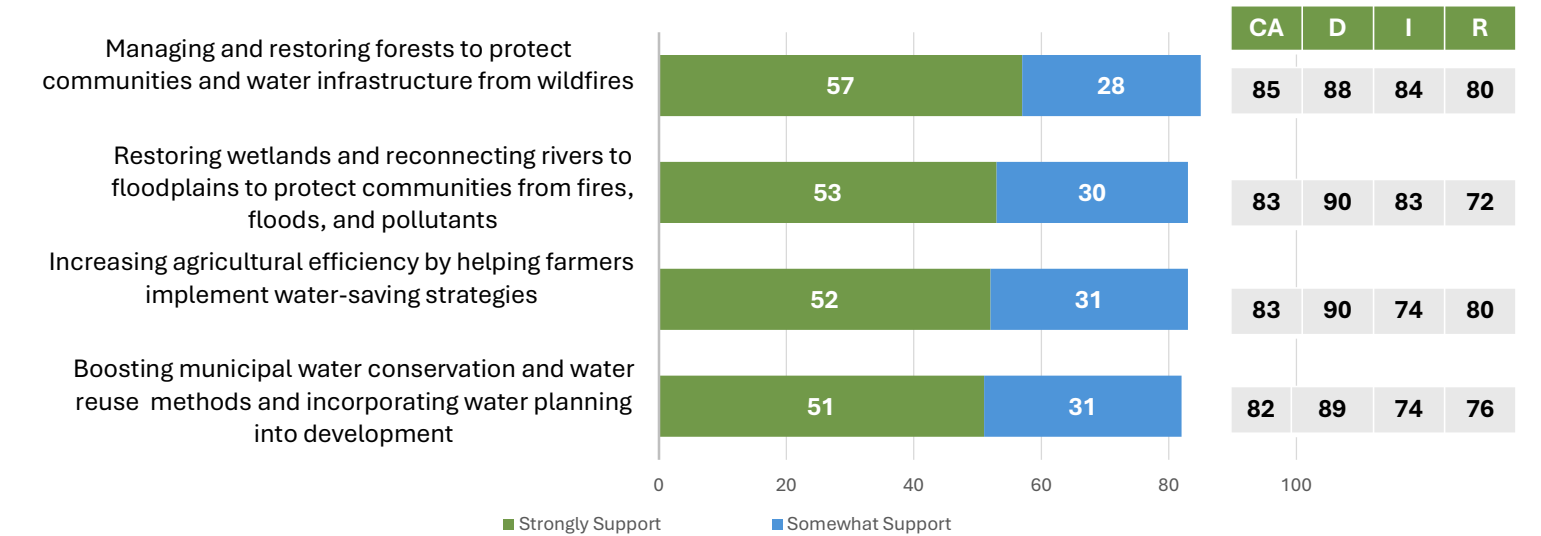
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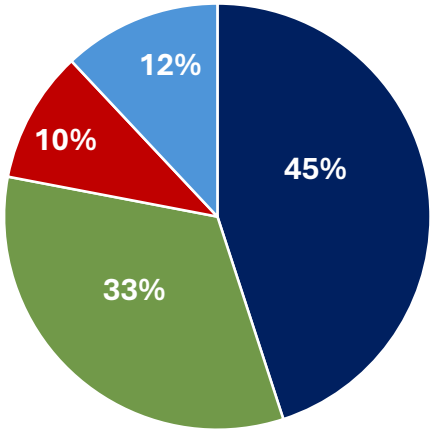
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STRONG BIPARTISAN SUPPORT FOR APPROACHES TO PROTECT THE COLORADO RIVER AND WATER SECURITY



CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS PRIORTIZE LONG-TERM AND SHORT-TERM STRATEGIES FOR THE COLORADO RIVER



- Put equal emphasis on both short-term conservation strategies and long-term solutions
- Prioritize long-term solutions to manage drought into the future
- Prioritize investments in short-term conservation strategies that yield immediate water savings
- Don't Know

CALIFORNIA’S PRIORITIES FOR COLORADO RIVER MANAGEMENT (Top or Important Priority)

	California	CRB/Water Counties	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Reducing wildfire, flood, and drought impacts that threaten water supplies	89%	93%	91%	87%	88%
Investing in water infrastructure and resilience strategies that maintain healthy forests, rivers, and streams and modernize water delivery systems to improve long-term water reliability	88%	89%	91%	85%	85%
Helping farmers and ranchers adapt to hotter and drier conditions while maintaining food production	87%	90%	89%	78%	92%
Ensuring reliable water supplies for communities and future generations	87%	90%	91%	86%	83%
Stabilizing water supplies now while preparing communities, economies, and ecosystems for future drought and water supply uncertainties	87%	88%	91%	84%	84%
Preventing critically low water levels and power supply risks in reservoirs	86%	89%	87%	87%	83%
Protecting rivers, fish, wildlife habitat, and outdoor recreation opportunities	85%	87%	85%	82%	87%

The Walton Family Foundation sponsored this multi-state project. This poll was conducted by Morning Consult between June 12-19, 2026, among a sample of 2,474 registered voters across 7 states, including 606 in California. 322 interviews were conducted in California’s Colorado River Basin counties and those who draw water from the basin. The interviews were conducted online, and the data were weighted to approximate a target sample of Adults based on age, gender, race/ethnicity, education, and party identification, within each state. Survey results are provided for educational and informational purposes only. They are not intended to, and do not, support or oppose any candidate for political office, political party, election outcome, ballot measure, or specific legislation.