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Is The Drought Over?

With all the rains the last few months, many conversations and news articles ask whether we still face drought conditions. As recently as last fall, California was battling a historic drought, facing everything from shortages on key reservoirs to depleted snowpack and regional water-use restrictions. Now, the State is facing atmospheric rivers and record-setting snowpack levels, so much so that some reservoirs needed to release water to accommodate for the torrential rainfall. So, California is finally free from drought. Right?

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