

THANK YOU FOR HELPING TCWD MEET ITS STATE WATER BOARD MANDATE!

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RATE CHANGES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016

In direct response to the impacts of the State Drought Emergency, and in accordance with Proposition 218 and California Water Code, TCWD's Board of Directors adopted new water, recycled water and wastewater rates and meter flat rates, effective January 1, 2016. After a series of public Committee Meetings, Board Meetings and Workshops held on a weekly basis beginning in August, 2015, the Board of Directors held a final Public Hearing at the December 16, 2015 Regular Board Meeting.

At the Public Hearing, the Board received questions and input from TCWD customers regarding the 2015 Water, Recycled Water, and Wastewater Rate Study Report, as well as some protests. General Manager Hector Ruiz highlighted the actions that the District has taken to cut costs and keep rates low, which included the reduction of staff levels over the last ten years and TCWD's use of reserves to fund equipment replacement and maintenance costs and absorb increasing operating costs. To learn more about the adopted rates, please visit our website at tcwd.ca.gov.

TCWD CONSERVATION STANDARD UPDATE

Last year at the height of the statewide drought, TCWD was mandated to reduce their cumulative water use from June 2015 to February 2016 by 28% in comparison to the same months in calendar year 2013. This was not an easy task to complete, but the overwhelming response from many of our customers is evidence that there was an understanding of the importance of the emergency regulations.

Per the State Water Board's regulations, water providers statewide were required to meet or be within 1% of their Conservation Standard. During this nine-month period, TCWD's customers reduced their use by approximately 27.5% in comparison with the same period in 2013.

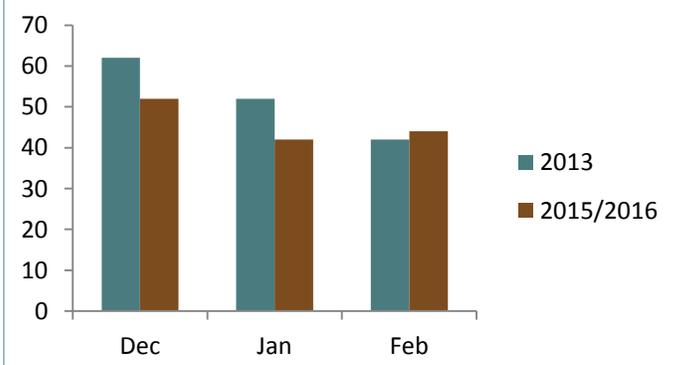
Amazingly, this translates roughly to 210 million gallons (MG) of water conserved by TCWD's customers! On behalf of TCWD's Board of Directors and District staff, we want to thank all of our customers for helping us meet our mandated Conservation Standard for this first round of emergency regulations.

Although there has been an increase in wet weather and snowpack in the northern part of the state, the statewide drought has not been declared over by the Governor. Also, it is important to note that for the first time during this nine-month period that there was no reduction for the month of February in comparison to 2013; in fact, there was an increase of 3% (see the comparison below). Therefore, the State Water Board has extended the drought regulations through October 31, 2016, which means that TCWD's Conservation Standard of 28% and 2 Day Watering Schedule is still in place. TCWD still needs your help during these persistent drought conditions and the best way to assist our continued performance is to follow the water supply shortage actions enacted in 2015 as described in Resolution No. 2015-1210:

- Community-based 2 Day Watering Schedule
- No more than 5 minutes watering per day per station
- No outdoor landscape watering during and 48 hours after measurable rainfall

If you have any questions concerning TCWD's water supply shortage actions in response to the drought, please visit our website at tcwd.ca.gov or feel free to contact us.

MONTH BY MONTH COMPARISON, MG



WATER AWARENESS DAY EVENT

TCWD's 2016 Water Awareness Day Event is scheduled for Saturday, May 21, 2016, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the TCWD Administrative Facility at 32003 Dove Canyon Drive. This annual recurring event focuses on the importance of water use efficiency, the protection of our precious natural resources and the necessity of conservation practices, which includes water recycling and the capture of rain water and urban runoff. The significant impact of the drought from the last four years demonstrates the importance of a diversified water portfolio. Therefore, the theme of this year's event is "Drought Proof Landscaping".

Last year, TCWD hosted some very informative water-themed booths, as well as some fun vendors like the ISO-Pod from the City of Newport Beach, a shaved ice booth, and local face painters to provide some fun for the younger attendees. This year, TCWD plans to continue with some of the favorites from last year, as well as introduce a few new learning experiences for all. The TCWD Board of Directors and District staff extends an invitation to all TCWD customers and families to join us to learn more about what we do to provide our services.



REGULAR BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The following items are highlights or matters discussed at the following Regular Board Meeting(s):

February 17, 2016

- District Fiscal Year 2015/16 Mid-Year Budget Review
- Alternate Raw Water Transmission Line – PW79
- Baker Water Treatment Plant
- Approval of Agreement between TCWD & SMWD for Skyridge Development
- Approval of Tract Map No. 17805 for Plano Trabuco Development, William Lyon Homes, Inc.
- Discussion concerning Saddle Crest Development
- Discussion concerning Statewide Drought Conditions
- Closed Session: Conference with Real Property Negotiator(s)

March 16, 2016

- Review of FPPC Form 700 Rules and Requirements
- Discussion concerning Activities for Water Awareness Month
- Review of MWDOC's Fiscal Year 2016/17 Proposed Rates, Charges & Budget
- Review of TCWD's Fiscal Year 2016/17 CIP & General Fund Budgets
- Discussion concerning Saddle Crest Development
- Discussion concerning Skyridge Development
- Discussion concerning Plano Trabuco Development
- Approval of contract with Superior Tank Co., Inc., for the replacement of Cooks' Reservoir
- Discussion concerning TCWD's 2015 Urban Water Management Plan
- Baker Water Treatment Plant
- Alternate Raw Water Transmission Line – PW79
- Discussion concerning Statewide Drought Conditions
- OCLAFCO Nomination Period for Special Districts Seats Election

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

The Board of Directors Regular Meeting is scheduled for the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the District's Administrative Facility located at 32003 Dove Canyon Drive, Trabuco Canyon. The public is encouraged to attend.



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