



# ON TAP Newsletter

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## STATEWIDE DROUGHT UPDATE

Spring is in the air, and it appears that the statewide drought is not going to let up. Unfortunately, the outlook is not encouraging as there has not been any significant rain throughout California this past winter, nor increased snowpack in the Sierra Nevada Mountains to offset the impact of the drought. The Governor's Office of Emergency Services and other State Agencies have responded in a flurry of emergency regulations and prohibitions which affect all Californians and water providers. It is important that all TCWD customers understand how these changes affect you.

On March 17, 2015, the State Water Board adopted expanded emergency regulations and prohibitions that impact all Californians and commercial businesses throughout the state. The following are now prohibited:

- Washing down sidewalks and driveways;
- Watering outdoor landscapes in a manner that causes excess runoff;
- Washing a motor vehicle with a hose, unless the hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle;
- Operating a fountain or decorative water feature, unless the water is part of a recirculating system;
- Irrigating turf or ornamental landscapes **during and 48 hours following measurable precipitation**;

California commercial businesses are required as follows:

- Restaurants/Food Establishments can only serve water to customers on request;
- Operators of hotels and motels must provide guests the option of choosing to not have towels and sheets laundered.

On April 1, 2015, Governor Brown issued an Executive Order (B-29-15) which called for the following:

- State Water Board to impose restrictions to achieve a statewide **25% reduction** of potable water usage through February 28, 2016;

- Replace **50 million square feet** of live turf with drought tolerant landscapes;
- Prohibition of irrigation of public street median ornamental turf with potable water;
- New home construction irrigation restricted to drip irrigation or microspray systems;

In direct response to the persistence of the drought, TCWD activated a **Level 1/Water Watch Alert** effective on August 10, 2014. In addition to the Water Conservation Ordinance (Ordinance) Permanent Provisions and the cessation of all non-essential water use, the **Level 1/Water Watch Alert** activation includes a watering schedule of three days per week for the cool months of November through March, and four days per week for the warm months of April through October. It is important to note that the Ordinance prohibits watering from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm, except by hose with a shut-off nozzle. In the event the Board of Directors authorizes the activation of further Ordinance-based conservation measures in response to worsening conditions, including watering schedule adjustments, TCWD will provide the required notification to our customers both through this Newsletter and our website at [www.tcwd.ca.gov](http://www.tcwd.ca.gov).

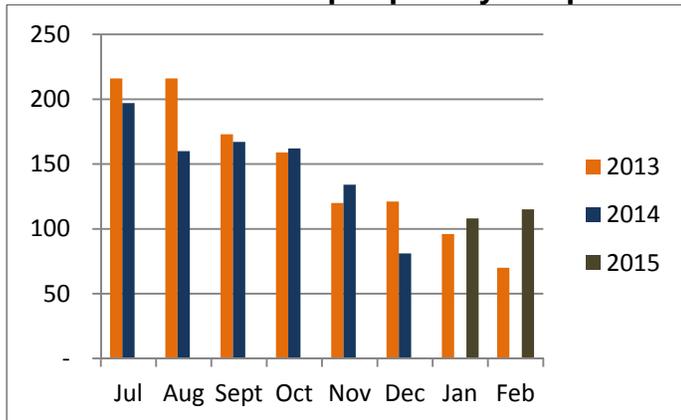
The **Level 1/Water Watch Alert** activation is in addition to TCWD's Ordinance Permanent Provisions effective January 1, 2009. The Permanent Provisions are the minimum water conservation standards for customers in TCWD's service area. The provisions include watering durations per station, limits on filling residential swimming pools and spas, washing of vehicles, and a water re-circulation requirement on decorative lakes, ponds, and fountains. It is important to note that the washing down of surfaces and pavement is strictly prohibited, other than to alleviate immediate fire or sanitation hazards.

To learn more about TCWD's Ordinance and its Permanent Provisions, please visit our website at [www.tcwd.ca.gov](http://www.tcwd.ca.gov) or contact Customer Service at (949) 858-0277 extension 1.

## STATE WATER BOARD MONITORS DAILY WATER DEMAND

Beginning in July 2014, water districts and agencies statewide have been required by the State Water Board to report the monthly potable water demand. As of October 2014, agencies are now required to report daily demands in gallons per capita per day (GPCD); this means the average gallons of water each individual in TCWD's service area uses on a daily basis. The chart below shows TCWD's water demand reported to the State Water Board as required by law, per the Emergency Regulation\*.

### TCWD Gallons Per Capita per Day Comparison



\*Data adjusted for TCWD Population = 12,700.

The State Water Board has selected calendar year 2013 as the water demand benchmark for the required reporting. Therefore, TCWD customers have reduced their overall demand an average of 4% when compared with their use from July to February 2013. Obviously, there is a lot more conservation that needs to occur in order to meet the recently mandated 25% reduction. To learn more about upcoming water smart classes (*which are free to attend*), the many device rebates, and water use efficiency techniques to help reduce your use, please visit our website at [www.tcwd.ca.gov](http://www.tcwd.ca.gov) or contact Customer Service at (949) 858-0277 extension 1.

## WATER USE EFFICIENCY CORNER

On Saturday, March 28, 2015, TCWD hosted a California-Friendly Landscape Training (CFLT) course at its Administration Facility. The course reviewed how to turn existing landscapes into California Friendly Gardens, conduct site evaluations, efficiently manage irrigation systems, and planting the right plants in the right place. TCWD would like to thank Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and Municipal Water District of Orange County, but more importantly, all of the attendees for making this event a success.

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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

### FEBRUARY 18, 2015

- Discussion concerning Director Committee Assignments and Meeting Schedules
- Adoption of District Treasurer's Annual Statement of Investment Policy
- District Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Mid-Year Budget Review
- Alternate Raw Water Transmission Line – PW79
- Baker Water Treatment Plant
- Shadow Rock Detention Basin
- Approval of Resolution No. 2015-1209 Authorizing Temporary Provision of Reclaimed/Recycled Water Service for Construction Water for Standard Pacific Homes Skyridge Development
- Discussion concerning Statewide Drought Conditions

### MARCH 11, 2015

- Discussion concerning activities for Water Awareness Month
- Discussion concerning the FPPC Form 700
- Discussion concerning SOCWA Wastewater Discharge Pretreatment & Source Control Program
- Approval of contract with The Pun Group for auditing services
- Alternate Raw Water Transmission Line – PW79
- Baker Water Treatment Plant
- Shadow Rock Detention Basin
- Approval of Conditional Will Serve Letter for Standard Pacific Homes Skyridge development
- Approval of Dimension Water Treatment Plant Clearwell Tank Replacement for \$85,549
- Discussion concerning TCWD Administrative Facility Parking Lot Rehabilitation Project
- Discussion concerning Statewide Drought Conditions

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 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, which is located at 32003 Dove Canyon Drive, Trabuco Canyon. The public is encouraged to attend.

