



SEEKING WITHDRAWAL OF DROUGHT EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

On January 26, 2017, San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) Board of Directors met to discuss the current Statewide Drought Emergency Regulations. After considerable deliberation, the Board determined that maintaining a statewide drought emergency while our County has no water supply shortage undermines our credibility with our customers and will dilute our ability to respond to actual water supply shortages in the future. Further, by incorrectly communicating the status of our water supplies, we degrade our ability to attract, retain and expand businesses. The fact is that our region has developed a drought-resilient supply and never had a supply shortage through the entire drought period.

Last May, the State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB) adopted emergency regulations that replaced the previous percentage reducing-based water conservation standard with a localized “stress test”. Under the current criteria the San Diego region has adequate supplies to meet demands for well over three years even if there was extreme drought. It is likely that our supplies could stretch a few more years past the three-year stress test.

With this winter’s significant rain and snow storms, local water agencies’ investments in drought-resilient supplies, and customers’ commitment to water use efficiency, the vast majority of urban water suppliers statewide are no longer experiencing water supply shortfall conditions. This is not to say that there are no areas where supply shortfalls still exist; we feel that the State Board’s focus should be turned to communities still needing aid in meeting water demands.



No matter the outcome long-term water-use efficiency remains a major focus in our daily lives, through our Live WaterSmart campaign, rebates and efficiency programs throughout the local communities.

If you would like to read more on this subject go to <http://www.sdcwa.org/drought-conditions-end-san-diego-county>

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FEATURE SPOTLIGHT

NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS SOUTH OF HIGHWAY 76

**Temporary Request for Water Conservation
Aqueduct Pipeline Shutdown**

The San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) will shut down the #4 Aqueduct pipeline that serves Rainbow Municipal Water District (RMWD) to perform repairs to the aqueduct infrastructure. The shutdown will eliminate the District's water supply for a portion of our southwestern service area for a total of ten days.

In order to provide water to all areas of the District, temporary pumps will be installed in key locations throughout the affected areas. These pumps may be required to run at all hours of the day and noise may be experienced by some customers in the local vicinity. Every effort will be made to minimize any impacts to neighbors.

We are asking customers to assist RMWD by conserving water. Due to the cooler/wetter weather the District has enough storage to manage demands but we need your help. If you are an agricultural customer or a grove service, the District is asking you to voluntarily reduce your water consumption from **February 16, 2017 through February 27, 2017**, the two extra days will allow our reservoirs to refill their storage.

In the event weather conditions dictate or the District determines water usage may exceed the water in storage, mandatory restrictions for agricultural water user will be enforced.

The District apologizes in advance for any inconvenience this may cause its customers and appreciates your best efforts to conserve water during this short period.

Please feel free to contact our customer service staff at (760)728-1178 if you have any questions or concerns.

WATERSMART LANDSCAPE MAKEOVER PROGRAM

If your lawn and garden are looking tired and sun worn, then maybe a landscape design and content facelift is what you're looking for. WaterSmart has just about everything you need to help your lawn look new again and can help it weather the dry arid Southern California climate.

Keeping your lawn and garden looking lush and inviting without using up our precious resource of water and increasing your monthly water bill is made simple and easy with WaterSmart Landscape Videos on Demand.

This series along with the award winning San Diego County Water Authority WaterSmart classes offer in-depth instructions to enhance outdoor water-use efficiency landscapes.

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