

**NEWS RELEASE**  
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## **SCV Water Committee Adopts Individual Measures to Meet State Water Resources Control Board Conservation Targets**

The Santa Clarita Valley Water Committee is calling for an immediate increased level of conservation to meet the state-wide target set by the Governor and State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to achieve a 25 percent reduction in overall potable urban water use statewide.

While the SCV Water Committee – whose members include the four local water retailers, the Castaic Lake Water Agency, and city and county representatives, have different targets varying from 24% to 32% month-to-month compared to 2013, they are consistent in their call to conserve water during this time of exceptional drought.

The previous State Water Resources Control Board mandates that prohibited activities such as avoiding irrigation runoff and washing down sidewalks and driveways remain in place. Each has developed the means to incentivize individual customer conservation.

Beginning immediately, the following conservation, compliance and enforcement measures are in place:

### **L.A. County Waterworks District No. 36**

L.A. County Waterworks District No. 36 is considered a small water supplier (the target is a 25% reduction).

- Two days a week to irrigate
- No watering between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Report water waste with phone app (download “The Works”)
- Report water waste with phone number: 1-800-675-HELP
- Penalties will be applied for violations of the above rules

### **Newhall County Water District**

Resolution No. 2015-3 was approved June 11, 2015 by the Newhall County Board of Directors. The State Water Resources Control Board requires a 28% reduction.

- Three days a week to irrigate
- Water Efficiency Target (WET) Program with an adjusted outdoor water use calculation to help meet reduction requirement
- Report water waste using an online form
- Notify NCWD of water waste with phone app; this is a multifunctional app that also connects customers to conservation tips, rebates and more
- Penalties will be applied for violations of the above rules
- Grassroots efforts, including canvassing, door hangers and yard signs

### **Santa Clarita Water Division**

Water Conservation Ordinance No. 43 was approved June 10, 2015 by the CLWA Board of Directors. The State Water Resources Control Board requires a 32% reduction.

- Two days a week to irrigate
- No more than 10 minutes per station per day
- No watering between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Report water waste using an online form
- Efforts for compliance and enforcement include system-wide surveys and notification deliveries
- Penalties will be applied for violations of the above rules

### **Valencia Water Company**

A Resolution was approved on June 16, 2015 by the Valencia Water Company Board of Directors. The State Water Resources Control Board requires a 24% reduction.

- Two days a week to irrigate
- No watering between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Personal Drought Reports and Online Drought Tracking Tool
- Report water waste using an online form
- Penalties will be applied for violations of the restrictions included in the resolution
- Grassroots efforts for compliance and enforcement, including system-wide surveys and notices

For more information on enforcement measures including penalties and exemptions, please contact your water retailer directly.

### **Additional Conservation Measures: City of Santa Clarita**

The City of Santa Clarita is doing its part to comply with the SWRCB measures and has taken the following actions to reduce its water use:

- No irrigation of turf in public street medians (trees are still being watered)
- Continued use of weather-based irrigation controllers set to achieve a system-wide reduction of 30%

### **Reporting Requirements**

Urban water suppliers must meet their conservation standards beginning June 1, 2015.

Starting June 2015 through February 2016, each water retailer must compare its water production data to the same period in 2013 to determine if it is meeting the required use reductions. Given the severity of the current drought, compliance will be assessed both monthly and cumulatively under the emergency regulation. In addition, the retailers must also report all of their compliance and enforcement efforts. If the retailers fail to file reports as required by the regulation; implement prohibitions and restrictions described in the Governor's executive orders and the emergency regulation; or meet the assigned water use conservation standard, they will be subject to fines assessed by the State Water Resources Control Board.

Information on each water supplier's water conservation efforts, along with water-saving tips, can be found online at:

- Castaic Lake Water Agency: [www.clwa.org](http://www.clwa.org)
- City of Santa Clarita: [www.santa-clarita.com/waterwise](http://www.santa-clarita.com/waterwise)
- L.A. County Waterworks District No. 36: <http://dpw.lacounty.gov/wwd/web/>
- Newhall County Water District: [www.ncwd.org](http://www.ncwd.org)
- Santa Clarita Water Division: [www.santaclaritawater.com](http://www.santaclaritawater.com)
- Valencia Water Company: [www.valenciawater.com](http://www.valenciawater.com)

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**About the SCV Water Committee:**

The Santa Clarita Valley Water Committee, formerly known as the SCV Drought Committee, was formed in 2008 to bring multiple agencies together to jointly respond to drought conditions in the Santa Clarita Valley. The committee meets regularly to monitor water supply conditions and prepare actions that may need to be taken in the event of drought. Its members include Castaic Lake Water Agency, the City of Santa Clarita, Los Angeles County and the four local water retailers: Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 36, Newhall County Water District, Santa Clarita Water Division and Valencia Water Company.

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