

Water Conservation

While overall water use has been cut by about 30% since 1988, the State Board Order continues to put intense pressure on the community to conserve even more.

Expanded Conservation Plan Initiated

In March 1999, Stage 1 of an innovative water conservation plan was implemented within the District. The Expanded Water Conservation and Standby Rationing Plan is designed to:

- keep Cal-Am water production within limits set by State Order 95-10;
- establish mandatory water reductions for all water users when a physical water shortage such as a drought occurs; and
- mandate procedures to be followed in the event of a water supply emergency caused by a natural disaster or breakdown in the water distribution system.

Community Moves to Stage 2

Total water use by Cal-Am customers in the October through November 1999 period was below the year-to-date target specified in the plan. However, by the end of December, water production had exceeded the year-to-date target by 140 acre-feet. Thus, the community moved into Stage 2 of the conservation plan beginning in January 2000.

New Cal-Am Rates

One important component of the conservation plan is implementation of a new conservation rate schedule proposed by Cal-Am. The rate schedule establishes a base water allowance for each Cal-Am household and business. Household allowances are based on the number of full and part-time

residents in a house as well as lot size. During Stage 3 of the plan, if a water customer exceeds its water allowance by 150 percent, water rates increase. Cal-Am applied to the PUC for approval of the per-capita based rate design in February 1999. The PUC should consider the request by December 1999.

URGENT
Please Conserve Water
Control - Flow

CAL-AM CUSTOMERS ARE EXCEEDING DAILY STATE WATER USE LIMITS

Conservation Over Six Years
Eighty per cent of water conservation, water use, the amount of water used, and the amount of water used are all factors that must be considered in order to conserve water.

Pact: Conserve to Avoid Fees and Restrictions
If you use more water than your allowance, you will be charged a fee. This fee is based on the amount of water used over your allowance.

For information about water conservation contact
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Water use exceeded State year-to-date limits in November and December 1999.

Water Permits Issued

All new construction or remodel projects that include the installation of water-using fixtures must obtain a water permit from the District before construction. Water permit fees are based on the potential water use that each new fixture represents. The District maintains a record of the amount of water assigned to new uses and remodels, so that the total remains under the amount of water allocated to the jurisdictions for construction projects.