



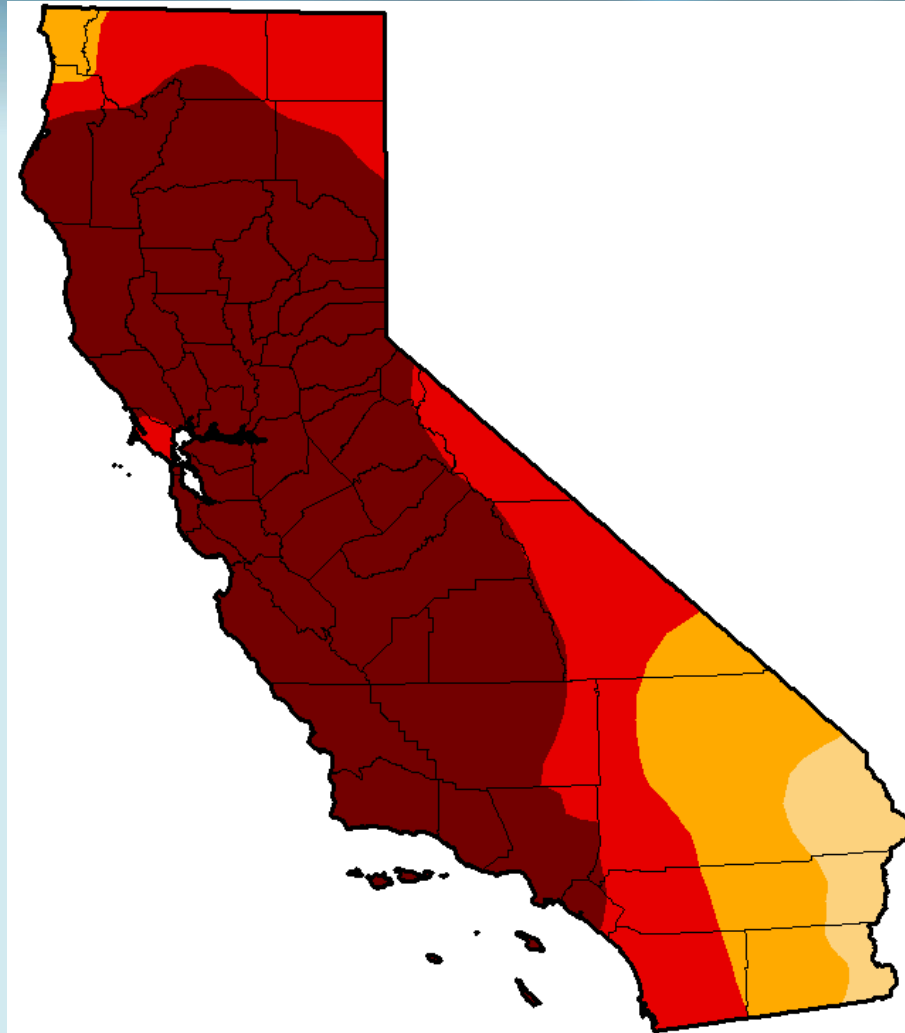
# Water Conservation Program Report

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# Drought Monitor-Sept 9, 2014

Over 95 percent of the State is classified as being in Severe, Extreme, or Exceptional Drought.



More than 58 percent of the State is in Exceptional Drought, including Monterey County.

# State Conservation Regulation Update

- State drought emergency conservation regulation effective August 1, 2014
- Letter was mailed to all Cal-Am customers
- State requires monthly reporting to Department of Water Resources

# Monterey region cut water use more than state

## July water use down by 10 percent

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**MONTEREY >>** Californians have finally begun to conserve water, new data from a state agency shows, and Monterey County users cut back more than average.

Data released Tuesday by the State Water Resources Control Board show that in July, residents overall decreased their water usage by 7.5 percent compared to a year ago, with slightly greater reductions in Monterey County.

Officials said the statewide reduction in July represents more than 17 billion gallons.

The board measured usage reported by 362 urban water suppliers. June and July are the first months reported under a new state mandate.

In the Monterey Peninsula, where the area is already under "Stage 1" water restrictions by California American Water Co., usage dropped in June and July compared to the year before.

In June, the 110,000 people served in Cal Am's Monterey region used 1032.15 acre feet of water, compared to 1120.75 acre feet in June 2013 — a reduction of 8 percent.

Customers in the Salinas region of another company, California Water Service Co., also reduced their use by 8 percent.

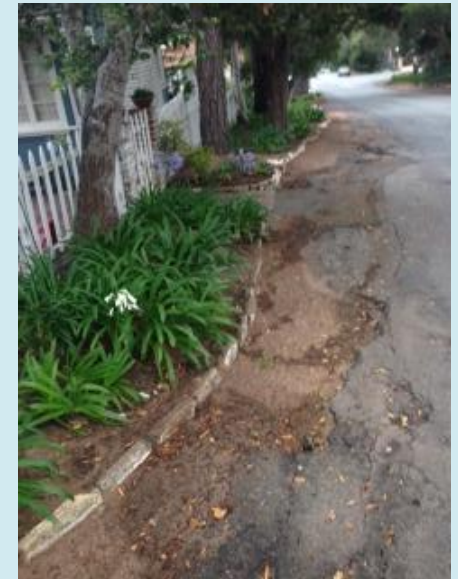
In July, the Monterey region cut back even more, showing a 10 percent reduction over 2013, while Salinas cut back by 7 percent.

# Water Waste Enforcement Update

- MPWMD has a Water Waste Hotline (831-658-5623)
  - Monterey Peninsula only
  - Contact other cities directly (Salinas, Marina, etc.)
- Web Water Waste Reporting online
  - [www.montereywaterinfo.org](http://www.montereywaterinfo.org)
  - [www.mpwmd.net](http://www.mpwmd.net)
- MPWMD responded to 26 instances of Water Waste
  - Most relate to over-watering and water running to waste

# Avoid Fall Weather Over Watering

- Fall weather calls for reduced irrigation times
- Look in the morning for excess irrigation
- Dial back irrigation system controllers or turn it off
- Install a rain sensor



# Check or Shut Off Irrigation Systems


- Turn system on and fix/replace broken sprinkler heads or missing emitters
- Are you watering dirt?
- Replace your irrigation controller battery
  - System may lose programming during a power outage and irrigate every day



# Remember

- Irrigate before 5 p.m. or after 9 a.m.
- Water only on Wednesdays and/or Saturday if necessary
- Use positive action shut-off nozzles on hoses
- Check that water does not runoff onto adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, parking lots, or structures
  - Reduce/shut off irrigation as winter approaches





Water Waste on the Monterey Peninsula  
may be reported

By calling 831-658-5653

or

On the web at [www.mpmwd.net](http://www.mpmwd.net)

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