



Redwood Valley County Water District

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Dear Customer,

We are sure you are aware of the severe drought affecting Lake Mendocino. Recent rains have helped but not enough to relieve concerns.

The RV Water Board of Directors met March 20, 2014 to confirm conservation measures. Due to public input at our meeting at the Grange March 12, the Board reviewed its recommendations and has slightly modified the requirements to deal with the drought conditions.

Rather than a per household allocation as previously required, we have worked with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to develop a **PER PERSON PER DAY** allocation of 50 gallons. Many of you are already meeting that standard. **KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!** Some of you may have heard that we have been allocated more than that amount by our surplus supplier, Russian River Flood Control. However the total annual amount was based on a projected total population of 4,000 people in Redwood Valley. What we are discovering is that there are more than that number so we need to be conservative in our estimates of total usage.

You are encouraged to call our office to let us know how many people are in your household and you can also receive a history of your water usage for comparison.

The penalties for overuse will continue to be the same. As an example, a family of four people will receive an allocation of 50 gallons per day X 4 people X 30 days for a total of 6,000 gallons per month. Each gallon of excess use will be charged an additional 200% penalty for the first 4,000 gallons, 300% for the second 4,000 gallons and 400% for anything over that. Please take this seriously. We need to make sure we can meet basic health and safety needs for everyone.

Although we are obligated by the State Water Code to favor domestic consumption over agriculture we are trying to help our local agricultural community get through the critical frost protection season. Ag has already been cut back to 50% and may be cut off entirely. Remember, this district was originally created by farmers.

We will allow potable water haulers to fill tanks for houses with failed wells but only those houses within our district that were built before 1997. We will not allow water hauling for ag or construction uses.

Some high usage homes appear to be due to marijuana cultivation. We will seek legal intervention to make this stop. We are not the marijuana police but cultivation uses a tremendous amount of water. Water theft can be prosecuted as a felony.

Please visit our website RVCWD.org for conservation tips.

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