



Drought Watch Updates - 2015 Calendar Year

December 4, 2015 Update

Thank you, MMWD customers, for your successful conservation efforts! Under standards set by the state, MMWD is being asked to reduce water use 20% for the period June 2015 - February 2016, compared to the same months in 2013. Six months into the current nine-month reporting period, our cumulative savings continue to surpass the 20% target for our service area.

On November 13, Governor Brown extended his executive order calling for statewide reductions through October 2016, if the drought persists through January 2016.

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June 2015	2,836 AF	2,108 AF	26%	26%
July 2015	2,977 AF	2,287 AF	23%	24.4%
August 2015	2,960 AF	2,369 AF	20%	22.9%
September 2015	2,742 AF	2,239 AF	18%	21.8%
October 2015	2,599 AF	2,149 AF	17%	21.0%
November 2015	2,090 AF	1,628 AF	22%	21.1%

*One AF, or acre-foot, is 325,851 gallons

November 4, 2015 Update

MMWD is still surpassing the state's cumulative target of a 20% reduction for our service area. While September and October are a little below the mark, those two months are balanced out by the higher June and July figures.

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Five months into the nine-month monitoring period, MMWD customers are continuing to conserve at a good rate. We thank everyone for their commitment and continuing efforts and ask everyone to keep going. As a reminder, we have many [conservation](#) and [rebate](#) programs available that can help customers boost their conservation savings with minimal effort.

October 5, 2015 Update

MMWD customers are still doing an excellent job conserving four months in to the nine-month state reporting period. Although conservation for the month of September was a little below the target, there were several warm days last month. Our cumulative decrease is still above the state conservation standard of 20% for MMWD.

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September 2, 2015 Update

MMWD customers continue to do a great job conserving. In August, our community achieved a 20% savings compared to the same month in 2013. Our cumulative savings so far (June-August) is 22.9%, topping our 20% state conservation standard.

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Our 20% conservation standard is set by the State Water Resources Control Board, which is tasked with implementing Governor Brown's Executive Order calling for statewide reductions. Along with other water suppliers throughout the state, MMWD will continue to report monthly water production numbers through February 2016.

Thank you and keep up the good work!

August 5, 2015 Update

MMWD customers continue to do a great job conserving, even in the face of recent summer heat waves. Under the standards set by the state, our conservation goal for June 2015 through February 2016 is a 20% reduction in water use compared to 2013. In July our customers achieved a 23% savings. Our cumulative savings to date is 24.4%, again surpassing our goal of 20%. Thank you, and keep up the good work!

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July 2, 2015 Update

Thank you, MMWD customers, for your successful conservation efforts! Under the standards set by the state, our conservation goal for June 2015 through February 2016 is a 20% reduction in water use compared to 2013. In the month of June we achieved a 26% savings. Thank you, and keep up the good work.

Check back here for monthly updates and other related news or sign up for drought E-updates to get drought news via email.

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June 1, 2015 Update

Starting today, June 1, 2015, through February 2016, MMWD has a goal of reducing water use by 20% compared to 2013. MMWD customers have been conserving since January 2014 and collectively have already achieved an average monthly savings of 13.5%. An additional 6.5% is needed to reach our state goal. Using the month of May 2015 as an indicator, MMWD is on track to achieve our 20% target because last month customers collectively reduced water use by more than 20%.

Please continue your successful conservation efforts and observe the specific water use prohibitions listed here. If we all do a little more than we are doing now, we believe we can achieve the additional savings. Thank you and keep up the good job!

May 20, 2015 Update

On May 19, the MMWD Board of Directors received a report confirming the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board)'s previously announced emergency conservation regulations. MMWD is being asked to reduce water use by 20% compared to 2013.

The State Board is calling for California communities to reduce water use by 8 to 36% for the period June 2015 through February 2016 when compared to 2013 water use. This range of savings (8 to 36%) was determined depending on water use in July-September 2014. The more water saved in 2014, the lower the number for each community. The goal is to reach a statewide savings of 25% for the entire nine-month period.

Within the 8-36% range, MMWD is being asked to reduce water use by 20% compared to 2013 based on our customers' effective efforts to conserve water in 2014. Fortunately, MMWD customers have already been achieving an average savings of 13.5% monthly. But we need to achieve at least an additional 6.5% to reach our community's target of 20%. Please continue your successful conservation efforts and observe the specific water use prohibitions listed here. If we all do a little more than we are doing now, we believe we can achieve the additional savings requested by the State Board for June 2015 through February 2016. Be sure to visit our [conservation page](#) for information about our rebate and conservation programs. Thank you.

April 22, 2015 Update

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) recently announced emergency conservation regulations to implement Governor Brown's Executive Order calling for a statewide 25% reduction in water use. This cutback mirrors MMWD's current request for a reduction of 25% passed by MMWD's Board of Directors in January 2014 and still in effect.

For the period June 2015 through February 2016, however, the State Board regulations specifically request MMWD to reduce water use by 20% compared to 2013. This lower figure is based on customers' effective efforts to conserve water in 2014. This new target for June 2015 through February 2016 will be sent to the MMWD Board of Directors for formal adoption at the May 19 board meeting.

In the meantime, MMWD asks all customers to continue their conservation efforts and to note the specific water use prohibitions listed here. Thank you.

More Information

[SWRCB Draft Emergency Regulations](#)

[SWRCB Fact Sheet: Draft Regulations - Implementing 25% Conservation Standard](#)

April 9, 2015 Update

On April 1 Governor Brown issued Executive Order B-29-15 calling for statewide mandatory water use reductions. MMWD's board will consider further conservation requirements to comply with the governor's order once the details of the rules have been finalized by the State Water Board in May.

April 8, 2015 Update

In response to regulations issued by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) on March 17, the MMWD Board of Directors has adopted [an ordinance](#) amending the district's water waste prohibitions. MMWD's board took the action at their April 7 meeting to fully comply with the new state regulations designed to address the continuing drought.

Under the new state and district regulations, the following are prohibited:

- Irrigating ornamental landscape areas or turf areas with potable water more than three days in any calendar week
- Irrigating within 48 hours following measurable rainfall

The new regulations join these water waste prohibitions already on the district's books:

- Irrigating between 9 a.m. – 7 p.m., except for system testing and repair
- Using a hose without a shutoff nozzle
- Allowing irrigation water to runoff or overspray the irrigated area
- Hosing down sidewalks, driveways, and other hard-surfaced areas
- Using non-recirculating decorative fountains

The new state regulations also require that restaurants serve drinking water only upon request, and that hotels and motels offer guests the option to decline daily laundering of towels and linens and prominently display notice of this option. MMWD has had a similar regulation in place since 2011, so no further board action was needed.

More Information

[Ordinance No. 428, April 7, 2015](#)

April 1, 2015 Update

In response to California Governor Brown's executive order issued today for statewide mandatory water use reductions, MMWD will develop and announce water use restrictions that comply with the new state rules as they apply to MMWD once the details of the rules have been released by the State Water Resources Control Board.

The MMWD Board of Directors' January 2014 request for 25% voluntary rationing is still in effect. Thank you for continuing to conserve.

More Information

[Governor's Office News Release](#)
[Executive Order](#)

March 18, 2015 Update

To comply with new emergency water conservation regulations set by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) on March 17, 2015, the MMWD Board of Directors will be taking action in April. Draft regulations will be released in advance of any board meeting and the final regulations will be announced upon adoption.

More Information

[SWRCB News Release](#)

[Proposed Regulation](#)

February 1, 2015 Update: Reservoirs Still Above Average Despite Dry January

Thanks to an unusually rainy December, district reservoir levels are still above average, at 97% of capacity, as of the end of January. Average is closer to 81%. January's minimal rainfall reminds us that the drought is still very much with us. In January 2015 we recorded just 0.07 inches of rain at Lake Lagunitas, which makes it second only to January 2014, with 0.04 inches of rain, for a low rainfall record. Average for the month of January is 10.78 inches. In December we received approximately 24 inches of rain, more than double the December average of 9.61 inches.

The MMWD Board of Directors' January 2014 request to customers to voluntarily conserve water remains in effect. This year's rainfall pattern is proof that we don't know from one year to the next how much rain will fall. Fortunately, our water production figures show customers are reducing their water use. MMWD continues to offer rebate programs for a variety of water-saving items as well as other conservation programs. Thank you for continuing to conserve.