

Q AND A
DROUGHT AND URBAN WATER CONSERVATION SYMPOSIUM
JUNE 26, 2015

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD / COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD

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Have State Building Codes for indoor plumbing been revised because of the drought?	SWRCB	CA Energy Commission has adopted new standards for toilets, showerheads, dishwashers, and aerators. Toilets not so much because of health issues. Also adopted greywater standards (NSF 350) for in the home. The greywater standards must get local health sign-off.	CEC news release
Is July 1 the first date for reduction compliance review?	SWRCB	Looking at May numbers in June, and will look at July numbers in August.	Conservation Reporting Info
Will there be restrictions on the use of evaporative coolers?	SWRCB	If you are doing what you can to conserve, we will be sensible.	Conservation FAQ
What is green infrastructure?	SWRCB	Examples (of green infrastructure are) a solar array at WWTPs, variable adjustable pumps to reduce energy consumption.	USEPA Green infrastructure
Have the grant monies been used to fund education projects?	SWRCB	Yes DROPS program \$30 million for LAUSD, Nor. Cal. Stormwater projects should emphasize the need to work with schools	SWRCB DROPS
How to apply for education funds?	SWRCB	Go through FFAST.	FAAST Info and Help
Could you define green infrastructure with regards to stormwater projects?	SWRCB, RCFCWCD	Drainage swales, cisterns; anything that replicates how a natural system would capture stormwater.	USEPA Green infrastructure
Are there any RB/SB policies that need to be changed or staff issues that need to be worked out to help with conservation efforts?	SWRCB	SWRCB Financial Assistance staff looking for projects to fund.	
	IWA	Looking for funding, wants to maintain flexibility in the toolbox.	
	RCFCWCD	Need flexibility to find solutions that fit the local environment.	
Will you (SB/RB?) compile a list of all MP and come up with statewide BMPs? Can speak about how seven state water pact and how it impacts the drought?	CVWD	A pact was recently signed to limit the water use of the Colorado River water to prevent Lake Mead from reaching shortage levels. CVWD continues with the conversion from furrow to drip irrigation. CVWD continues funding for golf course turf conversion. A list of MPs available on CVWD site.	
What is the water savings from turf conversion?	CVWD	51 gallons savings from converting 1 sq ft of turf. Funding for water broom (3 mill).	DWR Turf Replacement
What is the amount of time from project proposal to funding?	SWRCB	It should take 9 months for construction projects to be funded. It depends. Planning projects, are quicker (to fund).	Drought Funding
Can State Revolving Fund projects be invoiced retroactively?	SWRCB	Some can fund retroactively, there is some risk because you might not get the funding.	SRF
			Prop 1 Info

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For Prop 1 projects, will you still have to complete CEQA plus?	SWRCB	Because of the federal nexus we are asking for CEQA plus (CEQA plus NEPA).	
How are you dealing with the systemic changes that result from the draught and will these efforts continue once the draught ends?	RCEO	No sunset date on Riverside County drought measures.	
	CVWD	Turf removal is a permanent change, don't expect to change as the drought ends. Focus is on the WMP not the governors drought plan.	
What are the agencies doing to ensure that draught measures are aesthetically pleasing?	IWA	The change in behavior is more systemic (seeing brown grass on golf courses).	
	MCAGCC	The behavior is changing.	
How much does SWRCB work with Electric Utilities?	SWRCB	The State Water Resources Control Board works primarily with waste water, water, and flood control utilities, but increasingly we are collaborating with energy agencies and electric and gas utilities through our work on reducing greenhouse gases and promoting energy efficiency that also reduces water use. For example, the California Energy Commission and the California Public Utilities Commission coordinate water and energy technology and energy conservation programs with the State Water Board.	CEC WET
How do apartment complexes charging flat rate to tenants, or mobile home parks and Polancos [with unmetered drinking wells] address the target water use reduction? How would their reductions be measured?	CVWD	<p>In CVWD territory, like all other domestic water customers, apartment complexes and mobile home parks have monthly water budgets. In most cases there is one meter for several grouped apartments and separate meters for outdoor use. Mobile home parks often have individual meters for every mobile home and separate meters for outdoor use. Regardless of the setup, every meter has an appropriate budget.</p> <p>All domestic water customers (apartment complex, home owners and businesses) are being asked to limit water use to 36% below their regular budget to meet their new, temporary drought budget. Anyone that doesn't limit water use below their drought budget will be charged drought penalties. In a case where an apartment complex pays all the water bills, it will be up to them to determine how to pay those larger bills.</p> <p>In reference to trailer park communities with private wells, water-use restrictions and conservation mandates only apply to water agencies serving 3,000 or more connections.</p>	CVWD

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	RWQCB-7 Staff	<p>Based on information available on the State Water Board’s Water Conservation Portal: The 25% reduction requirement is aimed at urban potable water suppliers; homeowners with private wells not serviced by a water supplier are not subject to reduction requirements other than individual water use prohibitions for all Californians.</p> <p>If a commercial business is using a private well, then they are required to limit outdoor irrigation to two days per week or achieve 25% reduction in water use. No reporting is required but these properties must maintain documentation of their water use and practices.</p>	Conservation Portal Reduction Requirements for All Californians Emergency Regulation May 5 Press Release Emergency Regulation FAQ