



COUNTY OF PLACER
Community Development/Resource Agency

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**PLANNING
SERVICES DIVISION**

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Michael J. Johnson, AICP
Agency Director

By Brett Storey, Senior Management Analyst

DATE: April 08, 2014

SUBJECT: WATER CONSERVATION FORUM

ACTION REQUESTED

Receive an update regarding the efforts of various County Departments and Agencies to conserve water during the current drought, and discuss potential future actions to analyze and/or implement to increase the sustainability by the County and its residents and businesses. Staff will present information for the Board to review, discuss, and provide direction. There is no net County cost associated with this action.

BACKGROUND

County staff, along with the water agencies in Western Placer County, have been working together to provide information, coordination, and service to residents during this drought year. While the severity of the drought has been reduced with each successive rainstorm since early February when the drought was initially declared, there remains a lack of snow pack and the potential for insufficient water storage to allow for full capacity in the reservoirs during the rest of the year. At the February 4, 2014 Board meeting, the Board was concerned about this situation and directed staff to review all current actions and identify potential programs, regulations, and other actions that could be provided to support a more sustainable future relating to water conservation and usage throughout the County.

Representatives from various Departments throughout the County will present short summaries of actions that have been performed to date, regulations that are in the County Code, and potential actions that could influence future water savings and conservation. Brett Storey will provide an update of actions that water agencies have taken to cut back usage and provide incentives along with a joint strategy to work with federal and state agencies to operate the Folsom Lake reservoir for more favorable long-term operations.

The following additional staff will also be presenting:

- Edmund Sullivan, Senior Planner (Low Development Impact)
- John Ramirez, Parks Administrator
- Josh Huntsinger, Agricultural Commissioner
- Ken Grehm, Director of Public Works
- Kimberly Hawley, Chief Deputy Treasurer (mPOWER Program)
- Michael Johnson, CDRA/Planning Director
- Rui Cunha, Assistant Director of Emergency Services,
- Tim Wegner, Chief Building Official
- Wesley Nicks, Environmental Health Director

Staff will provide current conditions and future possibilities for the Board to consider regarding water conservation efforts.

cc: Holly Heinzen, Chief Assistant CEO
Gerald Carden, Chief County Counsel