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## Save Our Water Launches Summer Public Education Campaign

June 30, 2015 - With California in the grip of the worst drought in a generation, Save Our Water – California's official statewide conservation education program – is launching a new public education campaign urging Californians to step up and make even more cuts in their water use. The campaign comes at the start of a hot, dry summer and potentially dangerous fire season. Save Our Water's campaign urges Californians to "Let It Go" by limiting outdoor water use and letting lawns fade to gold for the summer, while preserving precious water resources for trees and other important landscapes.

[Read More \(news/story-107.html\)](#)

## State Water Board Extended Curtailments on the Merced River

June 26, 2015 - With drought conditions continuing into the summer months, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) extended curtailments on the Merced River for senior water rights dating back to 1858; and all pre-1914 and post-1914 appropriative rights on the Upper San Joaquin River.

[Read More \(topstory/top-story-39.html\)](#)

## Drought Prompts Fish Evacuation at American River and Nimbus Hatcheries

June 25, 2015 - With a fourth year of extreme drought conditions reducing the cold water supply available, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is moving fish out of the American River and the Nimbus hatcheries for the second year in a row.

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## Emergency Regulation to Protect Coho Salmon and Steelhead Approved on Russian River Tributaries

June 17, 2015 - The State Water Resources Control Board today approved an emergency regulation to provide a small amount of additional water in four tributaries of the Russian River to protect threatened fish. The regulation affects about 13,000 properties in the watersheds of Dutch Bill Creek, Green Valley Creek, Mark West Creek and Mill Creek. Water users in those watersheds will be subject to enhanced conservation measures and water use reporting.

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## Drought Conditions Force Difficult Management Decisions For Sacramento River Temperatures

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June 16, 2015 - State and federal officials today announced the outlines of a revised plan for managing water flows in the Sacramento River for cities and farms while keeping enough cold water in Shasta Reservoir to avoid high temperatures in the river that could be catastrophic for endangered winter-run Chinook salmon. The Sacramento River Temperature Management Plan, which is required annually, guides the release of water from Shasta Reservoir to maintain healthy fisheries during the summer and fall, when water temperatures rise. In this fourth year of extended drought, with low reservoir storage levels and higher-than-normal predicted summer temperatures, the plan seeks to prevent another catastrophic loss of this year's class of juvenile salmon. Federal and state fish agencies believe such a loss would have devastating impacts to the long-term viability of this important species of native salmon.

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## Senior Water Rights Curtailed in Delta, San Joaquin & Sacramento Watersheds

June 12, 2015 - With drought conditions continuing into the summer months, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) announced today that there is insufficient water available for senior water right holders with a priority date of 1903 or later in the San Joaquin and Sacramento watersheds and the Delta. The need for further curtailment of more senior rights and curtailments in other watersheds is being assessed weekly.

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## Revised Ordinance Would Cut Water Use by at Least 30 Percent on New Landscapes for Homes and Businesses

June 12, 2015 - New California yards and commercial landscaping would use far less water under the rules of a model landscape ordinance updated by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) at the direction of Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr.

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## Governor Brown Issues Statement on Federal Drought Aid

June 12, 2015 - Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. issued a following statement today after President Barack Obama announced new actions and investments to support workers, farmers and rural communities suffering from drought and to combat wildfires, including \$18 million for the State of California to provide jobs for workers dislocated by the drought.

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## Urban Water Conservation Improves in April Ahead of June 25 Percent Conservation Mandate

June 2, 2015 - With a mandatory average conservation rate of 25 percent beginning this month for all state residents, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) announced that Californians in cities and towns increased their water conservation to 13.5 percent in April. In addition, nearly 400 water suppliers responded to a first-ever enforcement report, indicating a high level of local activity to respond to reports of leaks and suspected water wasting.

[Read More \(topstory/top-story-36.html\)](#)

## The California Department of Housing and Community Development Announces Emergency Adoption of Building Codes to Conserve Water

June 1, 2015 - In view of the urgency to conserve California's water resources, as deemed essential by Governor Brown's Executive Order, the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is establishing new building standards through an emergency adoption process. These regulations are set forth in the California Green Building Standards (CALGreen) Code and will ensure that newly constructed residential buildings, permitted on or after June 1, 2015, include water-efficient landscaping.

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## Governor's Drought Task Force



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Governor Brown has convened an interagency Drought Task Force to provide a coordinated assessment of the State's dry conditions and provide recommendations on current and future state actions. The response to this statewide disaster requires the combined efforts of all state agencies and the state's model mutual aid system to address.

In support of this unified effort, all state agencies with a role in supporting drought mitigation and relief efforts are organized under the Incident Command System and will continue provide emergency planning, response, and mitigation support as long as needs exist. Similar task forces have been assembled in the droughts of the 2000's, 1990's, 1980's and 1970's.

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### What You Can Do

Water your lawn only  
when it needs it.

Adjust your watering  
schedule to the  
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[Save Water in Your Home! \(http://www.h2ouse.org/tour/index.cfm\)](http://www.h2ouse.org/tour/index.cfm)

## Media



[We Are Californians. And We Don't Waste Water! \(http://youtu.be/Ow3P7KpJ-e8\)](http://youtu.be/Ow3P7KpJ-e8)

[Don't Waste Water: Laundry \(http://youtu.be/XVtazcwHxLg\)](http://youtu.be/XVtazcwHxLg)

[Don't Waste Water: Carwash \(http://youtu.be/ZPCbp\\_zmdjU\)](http://youtu.be/ZPCbp_zmdjU)

[Don't Waste Water: Bathtub \(http://youtu.be/Vgn6lfUzeel\)](http://youtu.be/Vgn6lfUzeel)

## Drought Resources

[Weekly Drought Brief - June 23 \(/drought/pdf/Weekly-Drought-Update.pdf\)](/drought/pdf/Weekly-Drought-Update.pdf)

[California Drought Assistance Programs \(/drought/pdf/DROPS-State-Fed-Funding-Program-Matrix-04-08-15.pdf\)](/drought/pdf/DROPS-State-Fed-Funding-Program-Matrix-04-08-15.pdf)

[Drought Assistance Brochure \(/drought/pdf/Drought-Assistance-Brochure-2015.pdf\)](/drought/pdf/Drought-Assistance-Brochure-2015.pdf)

[Federal Funding Programs for Drought - May 2015 \(/drought/pdf/Fed-Funding-Program-Matrix-04-08-15.pdf\)](/drought/pdf/Fed-Funding-Program-Matrix-04-08-15.pdf)

[State Funding Programs for Drought - May 2015 \(/drought/pdf/State-Funding-Program-Matrix-04-08-15.pdf\)](/drought/pdf/State-Funding-Program-Matrix-04-08-15.pdf)

[Summary of Water Management Actions \(managementactions.html\)](managementactions.html)

[Dept. of Water Resources \(http://water.ca.gov/waterconditions/\)](http://water.ca.gov/waterconditions/)

[Dept. of Water Resources Publications \(http://www.water.ca.gov/waterconditions/publications.cfm\)](http://www.water.ca.gov/waterconditions/publications.cfm)

[Dept. of Food & Ag Drought Portal \(http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/drought/\)](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/drought/)

[Dept. of Fish and Wildlife \(https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/drought\)](https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/drought)

[Dept. of General Services \(http://www.dgs.ca.gov/dgs/Home/water.aspx\)](http://www.dgs.ca.gov/dgs/Home/water.aspx)

[Dept. of Public Health \(http://www.cdph.ca.gov/certlic/drinkingwater/Pages/DroughtPreparedness.aspx\)](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/certlic/drinkingwater/Pages/DroughtPreparedness.aspx)

[Office of Emergency Services \(http://www.caloes.ca.gov/ICESite/Pages/Drought.aspx\)](http://www.caloes.ca.gov/ICESite/Pages/Drought.aspx)

[State Water Resources Control Board  
\(http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/drought/index.shtml\)](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/drought/index.shtml)

[Office of Planning and Research \(http://www.opr.ca.gov/s\\_droughtinfo.php\)](http://www.opr.ca.gov/s_droughtinfo.php)

[CPUC Drought Information \(http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/Water/Drought\\_Information.htm\)](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/Water/Drought_Information.htm)

## Drought News Archive

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[2014 Releases \(/Drought/archive-2014.html\)](/Drought/archive-2014.html)

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### Weekly Drought Brief Archive

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[Februray 2015 \(/Drought/WeeklyDroughtUpdate/archive-february-2015.html\)](/Drought/WeeklyDroughtUpdate/archive-february-2015.html)

[January 2015 \(/Drought/WeeklyDroughtUpdate/archive-january-2015.html\)](/Drought/WeeklyDroughtUpdate/archive-january-2015.html)

[2014 Briefs \(/Drought/WeeklyDroughtUpdate/archive-2014.html\)](/Drought/WeeklyDroughtUpdate/archive-2014.html)

### Drought Partner Links

[Find Your Local Water Agency \(http://saveourwater.com/find-your-water-agency\)](http://saveourwater.com/find-your-water-agency)

[California Weather Data \(http://cdec.water.ca.gov/weather.html\)](http://cdec.water.ca.gov/weather.html)

[California Reservoir Conditions \(http://cdec.water.ca.gov/cgi-progs/products/rescond.pdf\)](http://cdec.water.ca.gov/cgi-progs/products/rescond.pdf)

[Daily Reservoir Storage Summary \(http://cdec.water.ca.gov/cgi-progs/reservoirs/RES\)](http://cdec.water.ca.gov/cgi-progs/reservoirs/RES)

[Central Valley Project Water Supply Information \(http://www.usbr.gov/mp/cvo/Day\\_Rpts\\_Current.html\)](http://www.usbr.gov/mp/cvo/Day_Rpts_Current.html)

[U.S. Drought Portal \(http://www.drought.gov/drought/\)](http://www.drought.gov/drought/)

[USGS Drought Information \(http://ca.water.usgs.gov/data/drought/index.html\)](http://ca.water.usgs.gov/data/drought/index.html)

[U.S. Navy Region Southwest Conservation Actions \(http://www.navyregionsouthwest.com/external/content/document/4275/2136198/1/NRSW\\_Water\\_Conservation\\_Actions.pdf\)](http://www.navyregionsouthwest.com/external/content/document/4275/2136198/1/NRSW_Water_Conservation_Actions.pdf)

[California Urban Water Conservation Council \(http://www.cuwcc.org/\)](http://www.cuwcc.org/)



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