



# DROUGHT WATCH NEWSLETTER

WATER CONSERVATION TRACKER

DOWN  
36.3%



Year 2015—Year 2013

June 2016

## USBR announces water allocation

On April 1st, 2016 the United States Bureau of Reclamations announced “all Central Valley Project contractors north of the Delta would receive 100% of their water allocation for the 2016 water year.” This was good news for the residents of Shasta Lake. However, as of this date California has not relaxed its statewide conservation mandate.

On May 9th, 2016 the State Governor issued an Executive Order “Making water conservation a California way of life”. Several restrictions included in Stage 1 of the City’s Water Shortage Contingency Plan are now permanent. For instance, one can no longer hose off sidewalks or driveways.

The City’s current State mandated Conservation Standard is 25%. As part of the Executive Order the City is required to submit a new Conservation Standard by June 15th, 2016. If approved, the City’s new standard would be 10%.

*City Council approves resolution authorizing the City of Shasta Lake to move from Stage 4 to Stage 3 of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan and repeals Excess Water Use Penalty.*

The City’s Water Supply Ad Hoc Committee met April 12th and again on April 26th to discuss the 100% water allocation from USBR and how it affects the City water conservation policy. On April 28, 2016, the City Council held a special meeting to discuss, and possibly act on, a recommendation made by the Water Supply Ad Hoc Committee. The City Council voted in favor of moving from Stage 4 to Stage 3 of the City’s Water Shortage Contingency Plan effective immediately and to repeal the excess water use penalty effective with the May 3rd, 2016 billing.

The City website has been updated to reflect the new Stage 3 restrictions. For further information please contact the Water Conservation Officer, Tony Thomasy at 530-275-7488.

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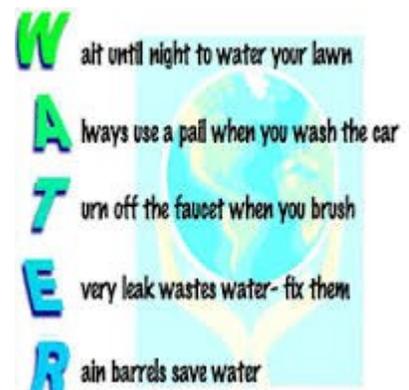
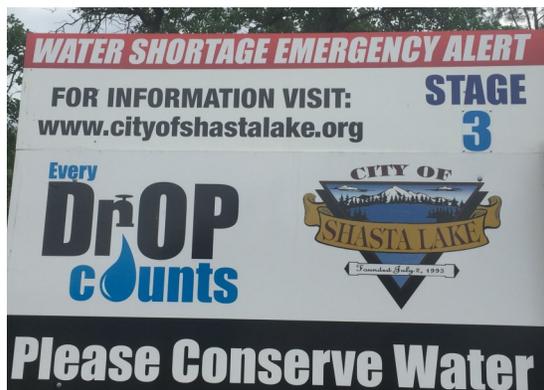
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## Water Rate Study underway

The City has engaged Raftelis Consultants, Inc. to complete a comprehensive Water Rate Study. Please visit the City website for the latest information: [www.cityofshastalake.org](http://www.cityofshastalake.org)

## California Lakes and Mountain Snowpack

This was supposed to be the year of *El Nino!* While Lake Shasta and Lake Oroville are at or near full capacity, several reservoirs throughout the State are not (see graph below). The Sierra snowpack, which normally stores about 30 percent of California's water supply, was only 83 percent of the March 1 average. The early days of March were very wet which should help the yearly water totals. Water experts have said that one wet year won't be enough to end the drought, given the water deficit from the driest four-year period on record.

RESERVOIR / LAKE	% OF CAPACITY
Trinity Lake	54%
New Melones Reservoir	26%
Lake Camanche	46%
Lake McClure	35%
Lake Isabella	11%
Cachuma Lake	14%

## Free Water Audits and Landscape Surveys!

The City of Shasta Lake continues to offer a limited number of **free** Water Audits and Landscape Surveys. Please call 530-275-7400 or visit our website at: [www.cityofshastalake.org](http://www.cityofshastalake.org) for more information.

### **What is a Water Audit?**

With your permission we will gladly come to your home and determine the most efficient way for you to conserve water..... for free! While we are there, we can complete a landscape survey and offer advice on how to apply your outdoor water use more efficiently. With the limited number of watering days and time restrictions, your landscape will need every drop.

## OUTDOOR TIPS FOR SUMMER

Here are some helpful tips to reduce water use as Summer approaches

1. **Only water when needed.** Depending on the weather or type of plants/turf, you may find you only need to water once or twice a week.
2. **Water early in the morning or later in the day.** Water when the sun is low to minimize evaporation.
3. **Set your mower higher.** That close-cropped lawn may look good for a day or two, but anything cut less than two inches high is more vulnerable to burnout, weeds, insects, and disease. Mow at 2.5 to 3.5 inches depending on the time of year.
4. **Watch what you are watering.** Check sprinkler heads often to be sure they're not wasting water on paved or unwanted areas. Reduce run times for shaded areas that may not need as much water.
5. **Keep an eye on the weather.** If rain is in the forecast, turn your sprinklers off ahead of time. Even better, install a rain sensor that will do it automatically.

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**for more information on**  
**Rebates and Conservation Tips**