



# DROUGHT WATCH NEWSLETTER



Year 2016—Year 2013

February 2017

## City Council welcomes a new member.

### City Council:

- Mayor:  
Richard Kern
- Vice-Mayor:  
Larry Farr
- Councilmember:  
Pamelyn Ann Morgan
- Councilmember:  
Greg Watkins
- Councilmember:  
Janice Powell

John Duckett  
City Manager

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Water Treatment  
Superintendent &  
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On November 8th 2016, City Council welcomed new member Janice Powell to the team. Janice replaces Lori Chapman-Sifres who leaves as the outgoing Mayor. Richard Kern will serve as Mayor with Larry Farr serving as Vice-Mayor.

### Winter storms bring optimism to the North State

Storms have soaked the Redding area since October with above average rainfall. Normal rainfall totals for this time of year, October—January, average around 14 inches. As of January 22nd the Redding area has received 30 inches of rain and the statewide snowpack is about 193% of normal. Most North State reservoirs are at or above last years levels

The graph to the right illustrates the wettest months and years on record for the Redding area.



January	53.22in	1909
February	34.48in	1915
March	39.61	1983
April	14.22in	1948
May	9.65in	1941
June	6.10in	1958
July	7.08in	1974
August	4.14in	1954
September	8.27in	1977
October	17.38in	1950
November	27.78in	1973
December	34.20in	1941



# WATER CONSERVATION REMINDER

## THE DROUGHT IS NOT OVER...

...despite recent rains! The need to conserve is as important as ever!

**January 4, 2017**—The State Water Resources Control Board today announced that urban Californians' monthly water conservation was 18.8 percent in November, a decrease from 19.6 percent in October and below the 20.2 percent savings in November 2015, when state-mandated conservation targets were in place. The State Water Board stressed the need for continued conservation given that Central and Southern California remain in drought conditions. The City website has been updated to reflect the State mandated Stage 1 water restrictions. For further information please contact the Water Conservation Officer, Tony Thomasy at 530-275-7488.

To learn about all the actions the state has taken to manage our water system and cope with the impacts of the drought, visit [Drought.CA.Gov](http://Drought.CA.Gov). State funded turf removal and toilet replacement rebates are also available. Information and rebate applications can be found at: [www.saveourwaterrebates.com/](http://www.saveourwaterrebates.com/).

### 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 SPRING

Here are some helpful tips as Spring approaches

1. **Upgrade Your Garden.** Replacing your existing garden with water-wise landscaping can save water, money and time. Examples of California-friendly plants are Santa Barbara Daisy, Purple Fountain Grass, Hen and Chicks, Russian Sage.
2. **Irrigation Maintenance and Repair.** Spring is a great time fix any sprinklers, valves and lines that may be damaged or leaking water. Check to make sure your sprinklers are positioned to irrigate your landscape and not your sidewalk, driveway or the street.
3. **Water Smarter, Not More.** Don't overwater your lawn or garden. Water before 8 am or after 7 pm when temperatures are cooler. Install a drip irrigation system for your garden, shrubs and trees. The City offers free moisture meters. Stop by City Hall and pick one up!
4. **Mulch your lawn.** Leave the bag off your mower when mowing. The lawn clippings will help retain water which is very important as Summer approaches.
5. **Weeds.** Not only an eye sore, weeds can steal water from other areas of importance, so it should be a priority to remove them when they first become visible.
6. **Swimming pools.** Spring is a good time to get your pool ready for Summer. Monitor the water supply line as it is notorious for leaks.

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**for more information on**

**Rebates and Conservation Tips**