



## CALAVERAS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

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**Subject:** **CCWD's conservation standard reduced to 16 percent**

Calaveras County Water District Customers are now required to cut back by 16 percent instead of 32 percent, after State Water Resources Control Board staff approved water usage and population adjustments submitted by the District.

In this fourth consecutive year of severe drought, Governor Edmund G. Brown mandated a 25 percent reduction in residential water use across the state. To meet that requirement, he tasked the State Water Resources Control Board with implementing mandatory conservation requirements for all major water providers. CCWD was initially tasked with cutting back by 32 percent. However, working closely with State Board staff members, CCWD was able to make adjustments to its reports that accounted for two very important factors: peak population and non-revenue water. CCWD adjusted its population upward to account for the huge influx of tourists and second homeowners that flock to the county during summer months. The District was also able to remove non-revenue water from the equation, which is an aggregate of water lost to theft, leaks, line flushing and other variables.

This new conservation standard of 16 percent is based on a much more accurate measure of CCWD's residential water usage, and the District is pleased to have collaborated with the State Board to make this critical adjustment, which is much more equitable for customers throughout Calaveras County.

CCWD's water conservation efforts remain critically important to preserve local water supplies as the severe drought continues. However, in light of these new developments, District staff and the Board of Directors will evaluate water usage numbers and consider whether modifying the recently adopted water conservation measures would be appropriate.

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