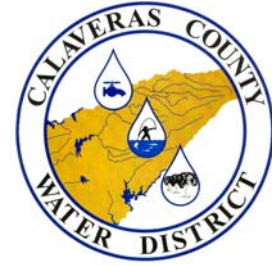


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Re: **Emergency Declaration**

Due to the recent high temperatures and very high outdoor water use, delivery of water to a portion of the Rancho Calaveras subdivision in CCWD's Jenny Lind service area has been strained. Neither the Jenny Lind School nor any commercial area has been affected and outages have resulted.

Over the weekend of July 22-23, two separate power surges knocked out the pumps that fill Tank B serving the affected area. This one-million gallon tank has been operating at 1.7 million gallons a day of outflow to customers during the recent heat wave, which is the maximum amount of water that can be pumped to the tank. Despite the public's response to CCWD's door-to-door conservation request, the combined problems of usage and power resulted in a water outage for some customers.

CCWD has switched pumps and other systems to backup generator to eliminate power issues. However water is not coming into the system fast enough to meet demand. The need to fill Tank B is necessary to stay ahead of demand. As a result, the CCWD Board has declared a water emergency for its Jenny Lind water service area.

Until further notice, CCWD is asking its customers in the area of the Rancho Calaveras subdivision to suspend outdoor watering.

Some additional customers may see their water shut-off today, as staff work to fill the service tank and monitor pump operation. It is estimated, with conservative use by customers, that Tank B will take 13.5 hours to completely fill.

For those still without water,

bottled water will be available for pickup in the parking lot of Good Samaritan Church, at the corner of Baldwin and Highway 26 and at the Jenny Lind Fire Department.

There is also a water tap available at the Jenny Lind water plant on Silver Rapids Rd. for filling containers.

Persons unable to travel can call **CCWD customer service at 754-3543** to schedule a delivery.

Two water trucks will also be available to make deliveries for stock watering; contact Customer Service (754-3543).

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Free showers are available at the Family Fitness Center near Hwy. 26 and Hogan Dam Rd. Sign in so CCWD can pick up the charge.

These delivery measures are in place until the emergency situation ceases. It is anticipated that water service will be restored to all users within 48 hours.

According to operations and maintenance superintendent Bill Perley, water is flowing into the affected service zone at a rate of 1.7 million gallons per day; usage is at least that high. If all outdoor watering is suspended, water levels in the local storage tank should return to normal in less than a day. When that occurs, it is anticipated that a modified conservation plan will be implemented severely limiting outdoor water use.