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A Sweet Delivery with an Important Message

70,000 Water Conservation Tip Cards to be Distributed with Girl Scout Cookies

SACRAMENTO--The Regional Water Authority (RWA) and Girl Scouts Heart of Central California (GSHCC) are partnering to provide an important message with Girl Scout cookie deliveries this year--please conserve water.

The Sacramento region is experiencing record-breaking dry conditions, and the Governor has declared a statewide drought emergency. Folsom Lake, a major water supply for people and wildlife, is expected to continue to drop to historically low levels as dry conditions persist.

To help raise awareness about these unprecedented conditions and how to use water wisely, Girl Scouts in Sacramento, Placer, El Dorado and parts of Yolo counties will be distributing as many as 70,000 water conservation tip cards with cookie deliveries in February and March.

"With these historically dry conditions, it's important to find every opportunity to educate

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the public about the actions they can take to save water," said RWA Water Efficiency Program Manager Amy Talbot. "We're delighted to partner with Girl Scouts to let the public know that making small changes can save hundreds of gallons of water, keeping more in the lakes and rivers that make our region unique."

Tip cards invite readers to consider how they can save water inside and outside their home while enjoying their Thin Mints, Lemonades, Caramel deLites and Peanut Butter Patties. Suggestions include:

- Keeping showers to five minutes or less
- Fixing leaky toilets, faucets and sprinklers
- Installing high-efficiency toilets, showerheads, faucets, dishwashers and clothes washers

"Girl Scouts has a long tradition of public service and conservation," said Liz Williams, GSHCC's Assistant Vice-President, Girl Experience. "Water efficiency is an important topic in California, especially this year. We welcome the opportunity to partner on reminding the public about ways to use water efficiently."

More information and tips for using water wisely are available at BeWaterSmart.info.

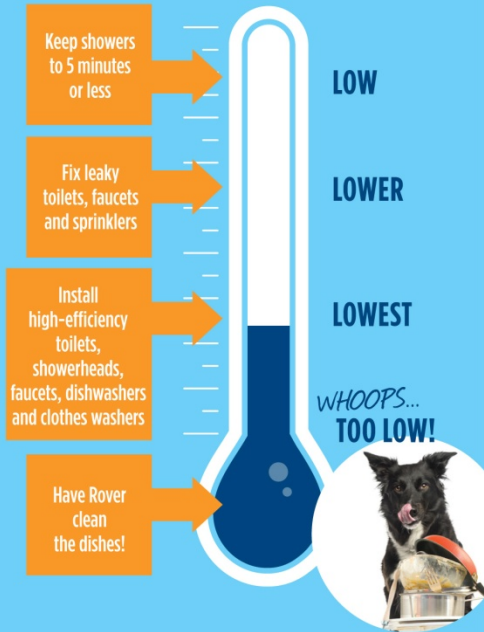
About the Regional Water Authority: *RWA is a joint powers authority representing two dozen water providers and affiliates in the greater Sacramento area. Its primary mission is to help its members protect and enhance the reliability, availability, affordability and quality of water resources.*

About Girl Scouts Heart of Central California: *Founded in 1912, Girl Scouts is the premier leadership development organization for girls. The local council, Girl Scouts Heart of Central California, stands behind its mission to build girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. Through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, girls Discover their interests and talents, Connect with others, and Take Action to improve the world around them. The council is headquartered in Sacramento and serves more than 28,000 girls in 18 counties* in Central California. For more information on how to join, donate or volunteer with Girl Scouts Heart of Central California, visit www.girlscoutshcc.org.*

*Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Glenn, Mariposa, Merced, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tuolumne, Yolo and Yuba.

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Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

Thank you for buying Girl Scout Cookies!

You have purchased much more than just a box of delicious cookies; you are also supporting the world's largest girl-run business and an innovative financial literacy program, where girls develop valuable life skills such as goal setting and money management.

For more information about the Girl Scout Cookie Program and to purchase more cookies, please visit girlscoutshcc.org/cookies.



CONSERVE WATER

HELP GIRL SCOUTS MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE!

Girl Scouts is partnering with the Regional Water Authority and local water providers to provide an important reminder about the need to **conserve water**.

The Sacramento region is facing record-breaking dry conditions, and the Governor has declared a statewide drought emergency.

So while you're enjoying your sweet delivery, please also take a moment to consider how you can save water both inside and outside your home.

Making small changes can save hundreds of gallons of water, keeping more in the lakes and rivers that make our region unique.

Learn more at **BeWaterSmart.info**