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## **Projected Record Low Folsom Lake Water Level**

### **Paints Dire Water Picture**

#### **Citrus Heights Water District & Fair Oaks Water District Ask Customers to Reduce Water Use by at Least 20 Percent**

**Citrus Heights, Calif.** – Citrus Heights Water District and the Fair Oaks Water District are requesting their customers immediately reduce water use by at least 20 percent as part of a Stage 3 water warning to help conserve water for the region. Folsom Lake, the primary water supply for both Districts most of the time, is extremely low and could reach record low levels before the end of summer if dry conditions continue.

Although both districts have been implementing plans over the past several years to provide local groundwater to meet a significant portion of customer water demands, groundwater alone will not be enough. “Both Districts have worked hard to have adequate supply in dry conditions and emergency conditions for our customer’s needs,” said Citrus Heights Water District General Manager Robert Churchill. “But by reducing customer water demands now and potentially even further in the spring and summer months, we can manage through these unprecedented dry conditions.”

Here are a few things you can do:

1. Limit landscape watering to only once a week or not at all
2. Do not wash streets, parking lots, driveways, sidewalks, or buildings, except as necessary for health or sanitary purposes.
3. Immediately fix leaky pipes, sprinklers, and other outdoor water-using fixtures.
4. Do not refill swimming pools or fountains, except as necessary for health or sanitary purposes.
5. Reduce water use inside by washing only full loads of clothes, turning off the water while cleaning dishes, brushing teeth or shaving and repairing leaky toilets and faucets.
6. Take advantage of rebate opportunities offered by both districts

More ideas can be found by visiting our websites: [www.fowd.com](http://www.fowd.com) and [www.chwd.org](http://www.chwd.org), or visiting [www.saveourh2o.org](http://www.saveourh2o.org).

“Currently available groundwater supplies within the two Districts will meet today’s demands, but will not meet normal summer demands. Without significant rainfall in the near future, more demanding water conservation measures will be mandated in the coming months” stated Fair Oaks Water District General Manager Tom Gray. “Immediately reducing water demands will help us evaluate how much more may need to be reduced as we move out of the typical rainy season and into summer. We are working closely with all the water suppliers in the Sacramento region to best use our region’s groundwater and limited surface water in the most effective manner to serve all of our customers,” Mr. Gray added.