

EID Water Use Down by 25 Percent in January, Conservation Mandate Extended through October 2016



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Placerville, Calif. — For the month of January, EID customers reduced their water use by 25 percent compared to January 2013. The cumulative water savings since June 2015 remains at 30 percent.

EID is required to reduce its water consumption by 28 percent from June 2015 through February 2016, compared to the same months in 2013, under a mandate issued by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board).

On February 2, the State Water Board adopted an extended and revised emergency regulation that extends restrictions on water use through October 2016. The action follows Governor Brown's November 13, 2015, executive order directing the State Water Board to extend the emergency water conservation regulation should drought conditions persist through January 2016.

The revised emergency regulation provides "credits" that recognize certain factors that affect water use in three ways. The first considers the differences in climate that affect different parts of the state. The second provides a mechanism to reflect water-efficient growth experienced by urban areas. The third recognizes significant investments made by suppliers toward creating new, local, drought-resilient sources of potable water supply.

"We are exploring every avenue to reduce our customers' conservation requirement," said EID Public Information Officer Jesse Saich. "Of the three ways to get credits, it's likely we'll get the credit from the climate adjustment. We will be submitting data to the State Water Resources Control Board by February 22, and will be requesting a four percent reduction from our current 28 percent requirement."

Additional information is available on EID's website at www.eid.org/drought along with ideas for how customers can save water inside and outside of their homes or businesses.

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