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# **‘Remarkable’ Water Reductions Reach 22 Percent in June**

*Savings Come With Call for Voluntary Conservation*

**SACRAMENTO--** Sacramento-area residents reduced their water use by 22 percent in June compared to the same month in 2013, according to an analysis by the Regional Water Authority (RWA), which represents water providers in Sacramento, Placer, El Dorado, Yolo and Sutter counties.

The findings come from a review of June water use data submitted to RWA and the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board).

“The June savings rate is absolutely remarkable,” said Water Efficiency Program Manager Amy Talbot. “State-mandated conservation has ended, and yet residents are continuing to use less water.”

The State Water Board on May 18 adopted new emergency water conservation

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regulations that allow water utilities to set their conservation standard based upon local water supply conditions and the utility's ability to meet customer demand should the state experience three additional years of drought conditions.

All 22 Sacramento-area water providers have certified that they have adequate supplies so that state-mandated conservation is no longer necessary. Even so, many are continuing to ask customers to voluntarily reduce water use, maintaining funding for water conservation programs at 2015 drought levels and continuing to enforce water waste regulations above pre-drought levels, according to a recent Regional Water Authority survey of its members.

"On behalf of local water providers, we thank residents for continuing to do their part to use water efficiently and invite them to consider making longer-term changes to permanently reduce their use," Talbot said.

Such changes include:

- Installing a WaterSense-labeled weather-based sprinkler controller
- Removing or reducing thirsty lawn and replacing it with beautiful, low-water flowers and plants
- Replacing older, water-wasting sprinklers with high-efficiency MP rotators



Many water providers in the Sacramento region offer rebates to help offset costs for these and other water-wise products and fixtures. Information about rebate programs, as well as tips for reducing water use, are available at [BeWaterSmart.info](http://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.

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