

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## San Juan Water District Customers Continue to Reduce Water Use

**Granite Bay, Calif.** – San Juan Water District confirmed today that water use in its retail service area has steadily declined since 2001. San Juan's overall water usage decreased 32 percent by 2013 and dropped to 36 percent in 2015 following the state-imposed drought restrictions.

In June, the State Water Resources Control Board lifted the state-ordered water conservation mandate for water agencies that could certify they had ample water supply. San Juan's savings mandate was reduced to zero. Without the state mandate, San Juan customers continued to save water. San Juan experienced a 14.6 percent reduction in June and 13.5 percent in July compared to 2013 water demands.

"Customer savings surpassed the District's current voluntary 10 percent water reduction request as compared to 2013," said San Juan Customer Service Manager Lisa Brown. "We are proud of these savings, especially since the majority of our customers live on lots nearly three times the average of those in nearby urban areas."

To help customers sustain water efficiency as a way of life, San Juan offers water conservation workshops, rebates, free irrigation evaluations, tele-town halls and service calls. Additionally, San Juan's conservation staff responds in real-time to any meter reading fluctuations that may represent a leak and continue to patrol for water waste.

"We'll continue to work side-by-side with our customers as many work to bring parched trees, plants and other flora back to health following years of drought and with efficient water use." Brown said.

Customers can contact the district at 916-791-2663 or visit <u>SJWD.org</u>. for more information and water conservation assistance.

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San Juan Water District is a community services district that provides retail and wholesale drinking water to 160,000 people in portions of Sacramento and Placer Counties. In addition to serving its retail customers in the northeast portion of Sacramento County, east Roseville and Granite Bay, San Juan Water District Wholesale provides water to Citrus Heights and Fair Oaks water districts, Orange Vale Water Company, the City of Folsom (north of the American River) and periodically to another 171,000 customers in Sacramento Suburban Water District.