

STAFF REPORT

To: Board of Directors
From: Cathleen Brennan, Water Resources Analyst
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Subject: Water Resources Informational Report

February 2018 Snow Survey Results



California Department of Water Resources

California's statewide snowpack's snow water equivalent is 4.9 inches or 27 percent of the February 1st average.

Proposed Regulations Regarding Water Conservation

The State Water Resources Control Board released draft language for new water conservation regulations. There are special provisions for the Napa River and Russian River along with a policy stating that the board shall consider the use of recycled water or reuse of water during an investigation of water misuse.

The following summarized actions are specifically prohibited in the draft language.

- A) Incidental runoff from the application of water to an outdoor landscape.
- B) Use of a hose dispensing water to wash a motor vehicle, unless the hose is fitted with a shutoff nozzle.
- C) Potable water applied directly to driveways and sidewalks.
- D) Potable water being used in a fountain or decorative water feature except if the water is part of a recirculating system.
- E) Application of water to irrigate turf and ornamental landscapes during and within 48 hours after measurable (one fourth of one inch) rainfall.
- F) Serving drinking water other than upon request in eating and drinking establishments during a state of emergency based on drought conditions.
- G) Effective January 25, 2025 - irrigating turf on public street medians.
Exceptions include when turf irrigation is incidental to the irrigation of trees, the turf serves a community function or the turf has been irrigated with recycled water prior to 2018.

Exceptions to the prohibitions can be made for health and safety needs and to comply with state or federal permit conditions. And it is being proposed that hotels be required to post a notice allowing guests the option of not laundering linens daily. The District did not provide comments on the proposed regulations.

2018 Save Our Water Campaign

Water Conservation: It's For Life

New messaging, infographics and artwork are being developed by the Save Our Water Campaign. The campaign materials are made available to water agencies to use in outreach. The new materials are expected to be available in April of 2018.

