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## **Coastside County Water District Requests Customers to Voluntarily Curtail Water Use Goal is to reduce water usage by 10%**

**Half Moon Bay, February 12, 2014:** On Tuesday night, at a regularly scheduled meeting, the Coastside County Water District Board of Directors voted to request that customers voluntarily curtail water consumption. With multiple years of drought conditions, the District is asking customers to conserve water with a goal of achieving at least a ten percent reduction in water consumption. A successful voluntary water conservation campaign is the best way to avoid or delay mandatory water restrictions should drought conditions continue.

The District always encourages water efficiency and many of the District’s customers already have installed water efficient fixtures and follow water- wise habits. Residents on average use 67 gallons per day. If residents reduced water use by 7 gallons per day and commercial customers also reduced water consumption, the District should successfully meet its goal of a ten percent reduction in water use.

The District offers water efficient showerheads and faucet aerators to customers at our office at 766 Main Street. In addition, the District offers rebates for customers when they install high efficiency toilets and clothes washers. Below are some water saving tips:

1. Check for leaks around your home or business. Toilets are one of the most common fixtures to develop leaks. Be sure to check your irrigation valves and water treatment systems also.
2. Turn off your irrigation system during the winter. Manually water your plants, as necessary, by checking soil moisture and plant conditions.
3. Use a broom to clean sidewalks and pavement instead of a hose.
4. Turn off the faucet when brushing your teeth and try to take shorter showers.
5. Replace older toilets and clothes washers with high efficiency models.

Coastside County Water District has been serving high quality drinking water to the City of Half Moon Bay and the communities of Princeton by the Sea, El Granada, and Miramar since 1947. The District is an independent water district under the California Water Code with an elected board of directors.