

# Mandatory Water Conservation

On April 1, 2015, Governor Jerry Brown issued the fourth in a series of Executive Orders on actions necessary to address California's severe drought conditions. With snowpack water content at a record low level of 5 percent of average for April 1<sup>st</sup>, major reservoir storage shrinking each day as a percentage of their daily average measured over the last several decades, and groundwater levels continuing to decline, **urgent action is needed.**

The Executive Order issued on April 1<sup>st</sup> requires for the first time in the State's history, Mandatory Conservation for potable urban water use. **Conserving water more seriously now will forestall even more catastrophic impacts if it does not rain next year.**

Western Heights Water Company is *required* by the State of California to reduce water usage by 25% by December 15, 2015. And, the Company will be required to submit a report that includes our water production to prove we have met the reduction requirement. We are asking our customers to please help us meet the 25% reduction requirement by doing your part.

- Outdoor irrigation is restricted to no more than 2 days per week
- Violations of prohibited activities are punishable by fines up to \$500 for each day in which the violation occurs.
- Cease and desist orders can be issued against water agencies that don't impose mandatory outdoor irrigation restrictions. If the cease and desist order is violated, the water supplier is subject to civil liability of up to \$10,000.

## Prohibited activities that apply to everyone include:

- Using potable water to wash sidewalks and driveways;
- Runoff when irrigating with potable water;
- Using hoses with no shutoff nozzles to wash cars;
- Using potable in decorative water features that do not recirculate the water;
- Using outdoor Irrigation during and 48 hours following measurable rainfall;
- Irrigation with potable water outside of newly constructed homes and buildings that is not delivered by drip or microspray systems.

**Our statewide water situation is serious.** For conservation information, please visit the following websites:

- ◆ [www.bewaterwise.com](http://www.bewaterwise.com)
- ◆ [www.saveourwater.com](http://www.saveourwater.com)
- ◆ [www.wateruseitwisley.com](http://www.wateruseitwisley.com)
- ◆ [www.watersavinggardenfriendly.com](http://www.watersavinggardenfriendly.com)
- ◆ [www.wmwd.watersavingplants.com](http://www.wmwd.watersavingplants.com)
- ◆ [www.epa.gov/watersense](http://www.epa.gov/watersense)