

CITY OF
ARROYO GRANDE
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**ARROYO GRANDE CITY COUNCIL RESCINDS
STAGE 1 WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCY**

ARROYO GRANDE, CALIFORNIA – Following a generous amount of rainfall this past winter and early spring, Governor Jerry Brown took action on April 7, 2017, to lift the drought emergency and State mandated water use restrictions in most California counties. The Governor's action also eliminated the State's mandate for Arroyo Grande to save 28% of its water use. Given the lifting of this mandate and the improved water supply conditions for Arroyo Grande, the City Council unanimously approved and adopted a Resolution rescinding the Stage 1 Water Shortage Emergency in the City of Arroyo Grande which removes temporary water use limitations that established individualized water budgets for all residential water customers.

The City Council's action was based on a determination that there is no immediate or imminent threat to the City's ability to meet the community's water supply needs. All previously established mandatory water use restrictions will remain in effect, including limitations on outdoor irrigation and continued adherence to four-day outdoor irrigation based on the property address. A list of all of the ongoing mandatory water use restrictions is attached.

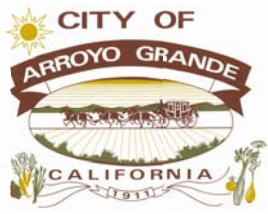
The Arroyo Grande City Council established a variety of water conservation rebate programs in advance of the recent drought, emphasized the need for Arroyo Grande residents to remain vigilant about water conservation given the susceptibility of local water supplies to drought conditions. The City Council also complimented Arroyo Grande residents who reduced overall water consumption since June of 2015 by 37%, substantially exceeding the State mandated 28% reduction requirement.

The City of Arroyo Grande strongly encourages its residents and businesses to continue to make water conservation an important way of life. The City continues to offer several water conservation incentive programs including the Plumbing Retrofit Program that provides low-flow toilets and showerheads at no cost for homes built prior to 1992. Financial rebates are also available for water efficient washing machines, commercial dishwashers and graywater systems. For more information about the City's plumbing retrofit program, call 805-473-5485 and for information about the rebate programs, call 805-473-5425.

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Ongoing Mandatory Conservation Measures

The existing permanent and mandatory conservation restrictions for Arroyo Grande residents and businesses remain in effect and include the following:

- Use of water which results in excessive gutter runoff is prohibited.
- No water shall be used for cleaning driveways, patios, parking lots, sidewalks, streets or other such use except where necessary to protect the public health and safety.
- Outdoor water use for washing vehicles is allowed only with hand-controlled watering devices.
- Outdoor irrigation is prohibited between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- Irrigation of private and public landscaping, turf areas and gardens is permitted at even-numbered addresses on Mondays and Thursdays and at odd-numbered addresses only on Tuesdays and Fridays.
- No irrigation of private and public landscaping, turf areas and gardens is permitted on Wednesdays.
- Irrigation is permitted at all addresses on Saturdays and Sundays.
- Emptying and refilling swimming pools and commercial spas are prohibited except to prevent structural damage and/or to provide for the public health and safety.
- Use of potable water for soil compaction or dust control purposes in construction activities is prohibited.
- Restaurants may only serve water to customers upon request.
- Hotels are required to display signs in rooms instructing visitors to place towels on the floor only if they need to be replaced.