



Tahoe City Public Utility District

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TAHOE CITY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT CUSTOMERS USE LEAST AMOUNT OF WATER SINCE 1980

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As required by State Emergency Regulations, the Tahoe City Public Utility (TCPUD) District's Board of Directors declared Stage 2 drought restrictions for its water service areas in July 2014. TCPUD customers responded with record water conservation. The District produced the 2nd lowest amount of water on record at only 413.3 million gallons. That total was just above the lowest amount on record of 408.4 million gallons produced in 1980. "These results are really astounding, especially when you consider we had just over 2,900 water connections in 1980 and today we have over 4,100", said Tony Laliotis, Director of Utilities for the District. "When comparing water produced per connection, this year was more than 40,000 gallons per year, per connection less than in 1980", said Laliotis.

In addition to the current drought situation, Senate Bill X7-7 was enacted in November 2009, requiring all water suppliers to increase water use efficiency. The main goal of this legislation was to reduce water use by 20% by December 2020. The TCPUD has already realized a 36% decrease in water use, surpassing the 2020 goal by an additional 16%. "Our customers and visitors have done a fantastic job and we thank them for their continued conservation efforts", said Cindy Gustafson, District General Manager. "Even though the District has reached the 2020 conservation goal, this winter is continuing to be dry and we still need to continue our conservation vigilance", said Gustafson. To assist with conservation efforts the TCPUD offers complimentary water conservation kits which are available at the District offices at 221 Fairway Dr.

The Tahoe City Public Utility District provides water, sewer and recreation services within its service area. The boundaries of the District lie within both Placer and El Dorado Counties, extending from Emerald Bay to Dollar Hill, and along the Truckee River to the Nevada County line. For additional information, call Kurt Althof at 530.580.6057 or send an email to kalthof@tcpud.org.

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