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Headline

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It's Getting Hot - Save What We've Got!

Did you know the largest use of water in Sierra Madre is for irrigation? While there are many ways to save water, one of the best ways to conserve is to lessen the frequency and/or the duration of landscape irrigation.

The dry winter Sierra Madre just experienced seriously affected the groundwater levels as well as increased consumption by the City's water customers. Due to the lack of rainfall, there was no recovery in the water levels in the East Raymond groundwater basin leading the Raymond Basin Watermaster to reduce the City's groundwater pumping right by almost 47%.

As warm weather is upon us, it is imperative that everyone in the community does everything they can to conserve water. Active, thoughtful water conservation by everyone in Sierra Madre <u>now</u> could help the City avoid stringent mandatory measures and/or the import of water from sources outside the City.

Due to low water levels in the aquifer that Sierra Madre draws all of its water from, the City Council will hold a Public Hearing on May 28, 2013 at 6:30 pm. At this time, the Council will discuss increased mandatory water conservation measures. Currently, the following measures are already in place:

- Washing sidewalks, walkways, patios, driveways, or parking areas with a water hose is prohibited.
- Water may not be used to clean, fill or maintain levels in decorative fountains unless such water is part of a recycling system.
- Restaurants, cafes, delis, or other public place where food is sold, served or offered for sale, may not serve drinking water unless expressly requested by the customer.
- Water leaks must be fixed immediately.
- Watering lawns, landscaping, or other turf area is prohibited between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. and must be done in a manner that does not waste any water.

There are a number of ways to save water, for more water conservation tips, visit http://wateruseitwisely.com.

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