Making Water Efficiency a Way of Life in the Sacramento Region

Water Use Since 2000

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Water Use Reflects the Region’s Unique Characteristics

Hot Temperatures, Large Landscapes Drive Water Use

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In summer, the Sacramento region averages 74 days over 90 degrees. Hot days stress landscapes, which then require more water to survive.

Development patterns and affordable land values provide opportunities to own property. Larger landscapes generally result in higher water use.

Return Flows

Water Used Here Flows Back Into California’s Water System

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Progress on Water Meters

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Doing Our Part During Drought

Contributing to California’s Water Savings

Sacramento-area residents and businesses contributed 12 percent of the state’s total savings (with only 5 percent of the state’s population).

Water Saved (June 2014-December 2016)

2 million people in the Sacramento region vs 39 million people statewide
121 billion gallons saved in the Sacramento region vs 1 trillion gallons saved statewide

Higher per-capita water use does not signify waste

Water Use is Enough to...

Meet the drinking water needs of 870,000 families for a year

Sacramento regional residents and businesses produced 192 billion craft beers

Sacramento region residents and businesses washed 4.8 billion loads of laundry

Sacramento region residents and businesses filled 1.9 trillion glasses of water


Sacramento-area water providers were first in California to ask customers to conserve and led the state in water use reductions.

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