## **COURTESY NOTICE**

## NEW DROUGHT EMERGENCY WATER CONSERVATION REGULATIONS IN PLACE



The State Water Resources Control Board on January 4, 2022, approved new emergency regulations aimed at stopping outdoor water waste.

## **Prohibited for Everyone**

- Landscape watering with potable water that causes runoff onto adjacent property, including sidewalks and streets.
- Washing vehicles with a hose that does not have an automatic shut-off nozzle.
- Washing driveways, sidewalks, buildings, structures, patios and parking lots with potable water, except for health and safety purposes.
- Operating a fountain or decorative water feature that does not have a recirculating system.
- Landscape watering during or 48 hours after measurable rainfall ("measureable" is defined as a quarter-inch of rain).

**Homeowners associations and community service organizations are prohibited** from enforcing rules in conflict with the emergency conservation regulations.

Regulations provide local water providers and the state with the option of fining offenders up to \$500 per day in which the violation is still occurring. However, local water providers are relying on education first and foremost. Many offer free programs such as Water-Wise Business Calls, landscape surveys and leak investigations, as well as water-wise rebates, to help customers use water efficiently as possible.

## Contact your water provider or visit BeWaterSmart.info to:

- Find information about water-wise rebates and services
- Learn where to report water waste in your area

