



DROUGHT INFORMATION

The current allocation as of Thursday, March 20, 2014 remains at 50% for domestic use and 0% for agriculture. District staff is working on securing other supplies but it will come at a cost. When any developments occur the information will be passed on to our customers.

At the Board meeting on Wednesday, March 19th, the Board of Directors approved ordinance 2014-02, putting the District into the Alert Stage of the Drought Contingency Plan. In addition the BOD approved the purchase of up to 800 acre feet of McConnell Foundation water at a cost of \$250.00 per acre foot. The District will also utilize the well field if PG&E accepts the requested rate structure change. By using the wells we will be able to provide more water to the customers of the District during this drought year.

Visit the District web site for more information on the existing drought and tips on how to help you conserve. There are also materials at the District office available to our customers that include hints and tips on water conservation.

If you see anyone aside from the Fire Department taking water from our hydrants please call the office immediately. We are not allowing any water outside of District boundaries.

If you have questions regarding the water allocation and cutbacks please don't hesitate to call the office (357-2121) and speak with a staff member.

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It is shaping up to be an extremely difficult water year for Clear Creek CSD and the entire State of California. To date, this drought is the worst in California history.

The allocation received by the Bureau of Reclamation will only give the District 1,079 acre feet of water for the entire water year. The allocation announcement gives our customers 50% for domestic use and **0%** for agriculture.

In a normal water year our customers use an average of 4,900 acre feet for both ag and domestic use combined. Because of the severe restrictions we are asking our customers to reduce your water use by at *least* 50% (for both ag and domestic) of your 2012 water year consumption beginning April 16, 2014. You can get a printout of your 2012 consumption from the District office.

In an effort to augment supplies the District will purchase up to an additional 800 acre feet of water from the McConnell Foundation at a cost of \$250.00 an acre foot. The water is expensive but something had to be done to increase our supply. Normal water costs for domestic water is approximately \$49.00 an acre foot. You will not be without water this year but you will have restrictions on how much water you use.

In addition to purchasing water from McConnell the District may pump water from our wells if PG&E allows the District to switch to the agricultural rate. The rate change would go from 0.54 cents Kwh to 0.7 cents Kwh, making pumping a viable option.

Marijuana cultivation was discussed at the last board meeting and it was recognized as being a major concern this water year. We are asking those customers who are planning on growing again to please refrain from growing this year as we simply **do not** have the water for our customers **and** those growing marijuana. Please be considerate of all the people who do not grow and refrain from growing this season.

Staff is in talks with Reclamation in an effort to get a higher allocation to be able to provide more water for our agricultural customers because their allocation is currently zero water. There are no guarantees but it may be worth the effort.

When and if the water allocation changes district staff will strive to keep you informed of these changes. If you have questions please don't hesitate to call the district office and staff will answer any questions you may have.

In an effort to save more water for our customers there will be no filling of water trucks for any reason nor will there be any water sold outside of district boundaries. If you see anyone connected to a fire hydrant please get any and all information on the vehicle and call the district office immediately with that information. The water they may be taking will only mean less water for you. It would be considered water theft and will be dealt with according to policy. Theft of water is punishable by imprisonment in the county jail, or a fine, or both.

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Flow restrictors may be placed on any ag or domestic services that do not comply with announced allocation amounts.

With BOD approval a variance can be filed with the district based on facts that support special circumstances or special needs. Each request will be reviewed by management or Drought Committee. Decisions made by Clear Creek CSD management or the Drought Committee may be appealed to the Board of Directors by written request to be heard at a regularly scheduled Board meeting. Appeals must be made within 30 days of decision. Decisions made by the Board of Directors will be final.

Beginning on April 16th, and depending on any new announcements from the Bureau, the following rates will be implemented during the Board meeting.

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT TO PAY:

Use Base Year – 2012 (last year we had without water restrictions)

The domestic customers will receive 50% of their 2012 use at the regular cost per 100 cubic feet. If you exceed your 50% allocation, you will pay a surcharge of \$2.00 per 100 cubic feet in addition to the regular charge.

[The ag customers received an allocation of 0%. Their water will come from purchased and/or pumped supplies.]

The Ag customers will receive 50% of their 2012 use at a cost of \$280.86 per acre foot. The cost per 100 cubic foot (748 gallons) is .67 cents. (Includes cost to purchase, process and deliver). If you exceed your 50% allocation, you will pay the \$0.67 cents and a surcharge of \$350.00 per acre foot. The cost per 100 cubic foot (748 gallons) is .83 cents. (Includes cost to purchase, process, and deliver)

The reason the ag water pricing is what it is? Reclamation gave us a zero allocation for our ag customers. The ag water is the actual cost to deliver pumped or McConnell water.

The District will enact the Health & Safety section of the Water Shortage Policy beginning April 16, 2014.

As of Friday, March 28, 2014, there have not been any announcements from the Reclamation regarding additional supplies of water.

The Board of Directors intends to have a meeting on Wednesday the 16th of April, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Happy Valley Elementary School on Palm Avenue and the Board will, at that time, enact the Health and Safety rate structure of the Water Shortage Policy.

We have had customers call the office and are verbally abusive to office staff during the course of the conversation. This type of behavior will NOT be tolerated. We are doing our best to provide water supplies in a critically dry and challenging water year.

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to call the District office @ 357-2121.

March 28, 2014