



WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCY STAGE 1

On May 26, 2015, the City Council declared a Stage 1 Water Shortage Emergency and implemented water restrictions and regulations to residential and irrigation water services in accordance with California Water Code Section 350 and City Municipal Code Section 13.07.030. On April 1, 2015, the Governor signed Executive Order B-29-15, enacting statewide mandatory water conservation requirements due to ongoing drought conditions and the historical low Sierra snow pack measurements. The final regulations adopted by the State Water Resource Control Board on May 5, 2015, imposed a 28% water use reduction on the City of Arroyo Grande.

Questions? Call the Water Conservation Hotline at (805) 473-5487 and visit www.thinkh2onow.com.

Components of Water Emergency Stage 1

- 1) Baseline water amount will be determined based on the amount of water used during the same billing period in 2014.
- 2) Required reduction of consumption is as follows:
 - Tier 1 (bi-monthly usage of 0-18 units): 10%
 - Tier 2 (bi-monthly usage of 19-36 units): 20%
 - Tier 3 (bi-monthly usage of 37 units or more): 30%
 - Dedicated Irrigation Meters: 25%
- 3) Financial penalties for not meeting the reduction requirements:
 - 1st Violation: Written Notice
 - 2nd Violation: \$50
 - 3rd Violation: \$100
 - All subsequent violations: \$200

Customers **HAVE TO** change their habits regarding the use of water. Those residents that have already achieved substantial conservation may not need to modify habits at all, while others will have to make decisions with regards to landscaping versus domestic needs. It is important to note that Stage 1 condition is intended to allow residents to choose how to utilize their water rather than mandate specifically how reductions are achieved. In other words, it would allow the application of water for landscape purposes if the required allotment is not exceeded.

Reducing Water Use at City Parks and Facilities

The City is doing its part to save water. On March 24, 2015, the City Council approved the Parks and Recreation Commission's recommendation to implement water conservation and turf removal measures for the City's parks and landscape areas. The City's Water Audit Report details all the turf removal and irrigation modifications that will be implemented.