

OUTREACH FOR EASING OF OUTDOOR WATER RESTRICTIONS – MARCH 2023

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Excerpt:

Drought is over, or is it?

More water districts soften their restrictions

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...Water agencies are beginning to scale back their drought warnings and usage restrictions, but they are falling short of proclaiming an all-out end to the dire water situation.

Triunfo Water and Sanitation District, which sells drinking water to Oak Park among other communities, told residents they can begin watering their lawns more than one day a week, a decision that came about as the impact of the huge winter rainfall began to sink in.

“Happy days!” Triunfo board member Janna Orkney told *The Acorn*.

Not an issue this year because of the bountiful rainfall, the one-day-a-week watering mandate that had been in effect since last summer caused lawns and gardens throughout the community to turn brown.

The flora that survived the sprinkler restrictions will get a stay of execution thanks to a vote last month by the Calleguas Municipal Water District, Triunfo’s wholesaler, to suspend its one-day-per-week watering schedule that has been in place since May of 2022 and recommend a twice-per-week limit.

The watering increases to three days week from April 1 through Oct. 31. Allowable sprinkler time per water station is now 15 minutes, about twice what it used to be ...



Recent Rain Events Have Allowed TWSD to Ease Outdoor Watering Restrictions

At its February 27 meeting, Triunfo Water & Sanitation District (TWSD) board of directors approved lifting some watering restrictions:

- Outdoor watering is now allowed **2 days a week** (Nov-Mar) and **3 days a week** (Apr-Oct)
- Sprinklers can operate for a maximum of **15 minutes** per zone on the days a customer chooses

Though our region experienced a significant drought reprieve due to the winter rain events, which allowed TWSD to ease restrictions, TWSD urges customers to continue to be good stewards of our precious water supply and to use water wisely.

We are here for you!



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until Sept. 30 to pay the special assessment.

A statewide problem

The Hidden Canyon HOA is one of tens of thousands of homeowners associations around the state feeling the effects of California's worsening fire conditions.

Seren Taylor is the vice president for the Personal Insurance Federation of California, a lobbying group that represents the interests of member insurance companies including Allstate, Liberty Mutual, Farmers and State Farm. He said insurers

on land that is historically exposed to wildfires with years of drought and 160 million to 200 million dead, dying and diseased trees," Taylor said.

He said the insurance landscape changed after the Tubbs (2017) and Camp fires (2018) in Northern California left unprecedented destruction.

"Cumulatively, over the decade, the insurance industry is \$9 billion in the red," he said. "Since 2017, eight of the 10 costliest fires in the world have been in California."

Gabriel Sanchez, press sec-

safety a top priority. The (California Department of Insurance) commissioner (Ricardo Lara) is actively working with the governor's administration, the state Legislature and other stakeholders to create and implement long-term solutions to keep insurance available and affordable."

FAIR Plan

Locally, many have turned to Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin (D-Thousand Oaks), whose district falls within an area designated by Cal Fire as high-risk.

Homeowners who are unable to secure coverage can turn to a Fair Access to Insurance Requirements, or FAIR, plan as an insurer of last resort.

Established in 1968, FAIR is a fire insurance pool made up of all licensed insurers in the state; it offers less coverage at a higher cost as a temporary safety net for homeowners, and it is not available to HOAs.

"One of the biggest areas that we support is more coverage through the FAIR Plan," Irwin said. "(Right now) it doesn't cover HOAs. I'm working with my Senate and Assembly colleagues to increase commercial coverage in the FAIR Plan."

A hearing is planned for Wed., March 8 in Sacramento.

Lara has asked FAIR to increase its commercial coverage from \$4 million to \$8.5 million. The Legislature is asking for \$20 million.

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Representatives from Calleguas and Triunfo discussed water conditions, including the easing of drought restrictions by Triunfo Water & Sanitation District.

BRANCHING OUT WITH THE ACORN NEWSPAPERS

A discussion with Calleguas Municipal and Triunfo Water District's...

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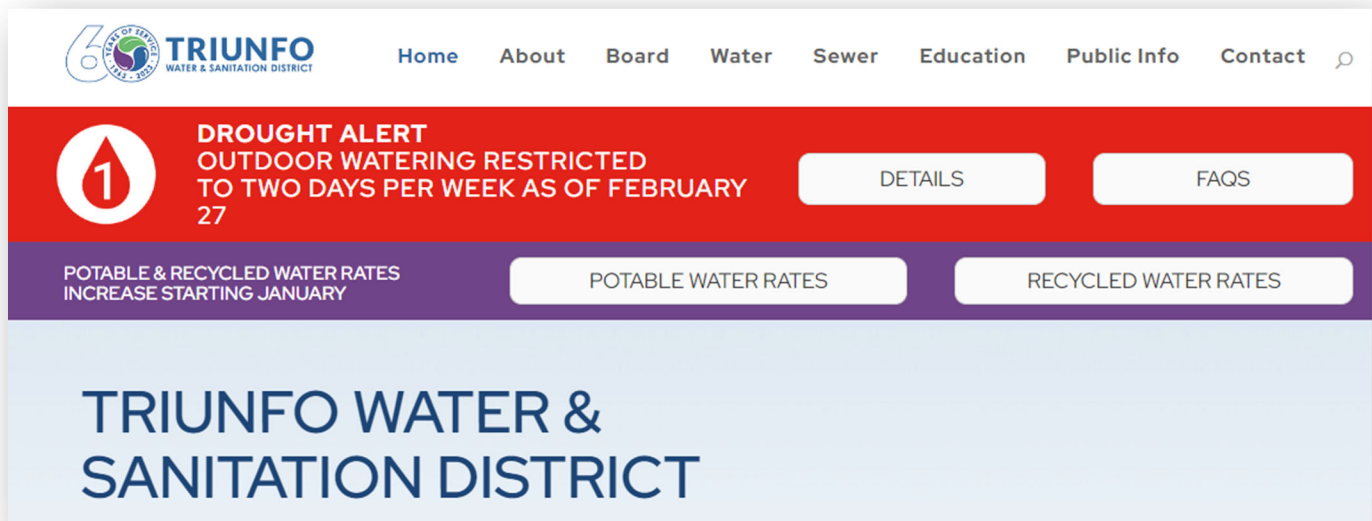
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Signs will change on April 1 to reflect restrictions easing to 3 times a week, 15 minutes/station (from April 1-October 31)

TRIUNFO WEBSITE

www.triunfowsd.com – This banner appears at the top of every page:



Details and *FAQs* buttons both mention the easing of the water restrictions.

<https://www.triunfowsd.com/water-supply/>

Watering Restrictions Eased

At its February 27, 2023 meeting, the Triunfo Water & Sanitation District (TWSD) board of directors approved easing some sprinkler irrigation restrictions. **Effective immediately, TWSD customers may water outdoors 2 days a week through March 31, 2023. This amount increases to 3 days a week, from April 1 through October 31. Allowable sprinkler irrigation time per water station is now 15 minutes.** Customers may still choose which days they want to use their sprinkler. These watering restrictions are subject to change as conditions change.

NOTE: [Triunfo's existing water use restrictions](#) remain in place.

Current Outdoor Water Use Restrictions

- Effective February 27, 2023: Outdoor watering is now allowed **2 days a week** through Mar 31, 2023, then **3 days a week** starting April 1 and going to Oct 31.
- Sprinklers can operate for a maximum of **15 minutes per zone**
- Watering is prohibited between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., except by use of a hand-held bucket or similar container or hose equipped with a positive self-closing water shut-off device.
- Customers may choose the day of the week on which they wish to water.
- Exceptions to the current restrictions include hand-watering of trees and other perennials, drip irrigation systems, and areas irrigated with recycled water.
- TWSD's existing water use restrictions remain in place.

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What are Triunfo's current outdoor watering restrictions?

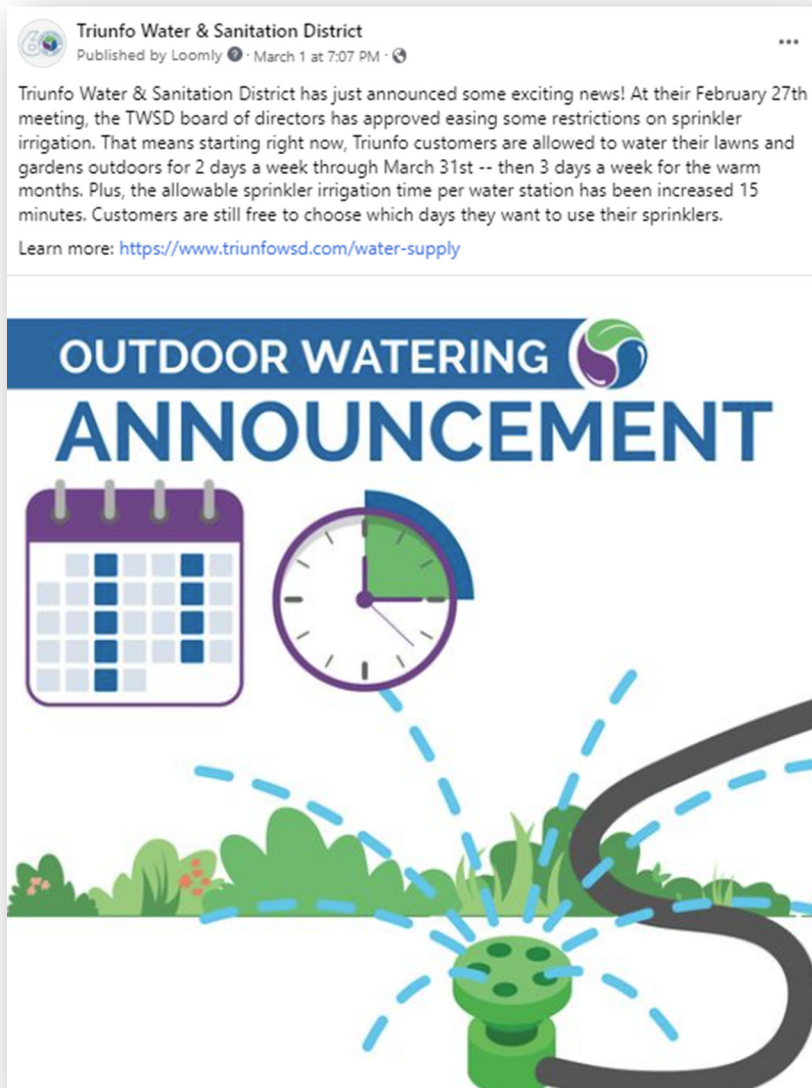
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You can [read more details here](#).

SOCIAL MEDIA

Published on Triunfo's social media pages on **March 1** on **Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, NextDoor**



UPCOMING OUTREACH

INSERTS

Paper bill inserts for Triunfo Water Customers

To be sent third week of March – final design pending

OUTDOOR WATERING ANNOUNCEMENT

Customers can water outdoors 2 days a week through March 31st — then 3 days a week for the warm months. Plus, sprinkler irrigation time has been increased to 15 minutes on the days customers choose.

Note: Triunfo's permanent water use restrictions remain in place.

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WATER NEWS

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Note: April 1's update (announcement the new outdoor watering restrictions moving to 3 days/week) will be distributed through all applicable outlets (website, social media, water bill insert, e-news)

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