

**APRIL - MAY** 

2014

## STAGE 3 WATER ALERT

On January 17, 2014, the Governor of the State of California declared a "State Of Emergency" due to record dry conditions and concerns over the State's dwindling water supplies. The Proclamation states that "local urban water suppliers and municipalities are called upon to implement their local water shortage contingency plans immediately in order to avoid or forestall outright restrictions that could become necessary later in the drought season".

As of April 1, 2014 the District has had a total of 6 inches of rain. Typically, during this time of year, the District has already had 11 to 12 inches of Rain. Given the drought condition, the SSCSD is taking steps in effort to prevent elevated levels of Chloride in our potable water which we experienced earlier this year. I am sure all residents remember the taste of water during the month of January and February. If the Community remains in a conservation mode, we may be able to avoid a reoccurrence despite the lack of rain.

On April 9, 2014, the Board of Directors of the San Simeon Community Services District (SSCSD) adopted Ordinance No.114 amending and restating the District's Water Conservation Plan. Ordinance No. 114 gives the SSCSD Board of Directors the ability to implement a Stage Three Water Alert by way of Resolution 13-362 in order to protect the health, safety and general welfare of the public.

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Based on concerns regarding the anticipated prolonged drought conditions, the SSCSD has determined that the available water supply may be insufficient to meet demand through the summer dry season if conservation efforts are not continued. Therefore, SSCSD declared a Stage Three Water Shortage on April 9th, 2014 and implemented Stage Three Water Restrictions. Stage Three Restrictions are described in Ordinance No. 114 and are as follows:

- ✓SSCSD request that all hotels limit changing stay-over guest linens to every other day unless specifically requested by the guest.
- ✓ District water for construction, compaction, concrete work or other construction related needs is prohibited.
- ✓ Fines will be tripled for violations of Stage 1, 2 and 3 restrictions.

District staff will continue to monitor and evaluate water quantity, quality and the overall drought conditions on an ongoing basis and provide routine updates. Please visit the District website for the full Ordinance or call the District office.

## FREE SHOWER TIMERS !!!

The Governor's Office of Emergency Services has provided a limited supply of free shower timers for San Simeon residents and businesses. If you would like to utilize this water conservation tool in your home or place of business, please visit the District Office to pick one up.

## **UPGRADE OF RECYCLED WATER SYSTEM**

The SSCSD would like to thank all of the Distributors, Hotels and Home Owner Associations for their participation in the Recycled Water Distribution Program as it is now well underway. We have over 8 Distributors, 11 residents, 10 Home Owner Associations, 9 Hotels and 3 restaurants that are trained and ready to use recycled water on their plants.

Currently, we have permission from the California Department of Public Health to use recycled water for irrigation of non-edible plants. We are in the process of evaluating potential demand for recycled water by commercial laundry use and fire protection by Cal Fire. We have started evaluating the recycled water distribution system expansion knowing that the more we use recycled water, the more we save our potable water resource. Keep your fingers crossed as we continue to upgrade your Recycled Water System and discover new ways to help maintain our Wells from the impacts of Chloride.

## **NEW SSCSD RECYCLED WATER LOGO**

As a proud Resident of San Simeon Community Services District, you know that you are ahead of the curve when it comes to water conservation. SSCSD is one of the few communities in the State of California that distributes recycled water directly to residents and businesses for irrigation. Our Recycled Water Facility is unique in the fact that it is a NO Bi-Product generating green system. There are no sand filters, ultraviolet lamps or harmful chemicals used in the processing of our recycled water or contributing accumulation in landfills/disposal sites. Our system uses self cleaning cartridges for the filtration portion of the facility and oxygen to generate ozone for disinfecting the recycled water. To commemorate our Community's achievement, District Staff has created a new logo to represent your recycled water system. If you would like more information on your Recycled Water Facility, please email staff at rlundy@Ulturawater.com.



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