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Mendocino City Community Services District Declares Stage 3 Water Shortage

A Stage 3 Water Shortage Emergency was declared by the Mendocino City Community Services District Board at the Regular District Meeting on March 29, 2021. The Stage 3 Water Shortage is due to below normal rainfall recorded in the District. Total rainfall as of March 29, 2021, in Mendocino was **just 17.27 inches, only 44%** of normal rainfall.

The Stage 3 water shortage is considered a Serious Water Shortage Emergency. It is important for property owners, business owners, and residents to continue to conserve water. The District's Water Shortage Contingency Plan requires the following temporary conservation measures for a Stage 3 Water Shortage:

1. Rationing: requires 20% reduction in allotments
2. Temporary moratorium on issuance of new Groundwater Extraction Permits for new use or expansion of existing use that would require a hydrological study
3. Prohibition on aquifer pump tests and hydrological studies.
4. Landscape watering by garden hose or use of a drip irrigation system between the hours of 7:00 PM and 10:00 AM
5. Washing vehicles permitted only by means of a "bucket and sponge," and a hose with a shutoff nozzle
6. Hosing down of porches, sidewalks, driveways, and other hard surfaces is prohibited
7. No person shall use water through a hose to clean the exterior of buildings
8. Prohibition on the refilling of hot tubs, swimming pools, fountains or ponds.
9. Restaurants shall not serve water to restaurant customers, except upon request of the customer

In 2006, the District developed a Water Shortage Contingency Plan. The plan is designed to help residents to conserve and protect the water resources in and around Mendocino during drought.

Most residents and business owners in the community are aware of the limited water supply available to them from their individual wells, and virtually all (by necessity) have a strong water conservation understanding and ethic. Think of your neighbors, do your best to conserve, and hopefully we can all make it through another dry year. If you have any questions please contact the District office.

A Stage 3 Water Shortage Means your property daily water allotment has been reduced by 20% as of March 30th 2021. Monthly meter readings are still required on the first of each month. If you are unsure of your current allotment or have any questions related to this change please contact the District office 937-5790.