

Town of Discovery Bay Board Meeting April 14, 2015

Actions being considered to Educate Community

- Newsletter Water Issue Late April
- Postcard to all residents water tips, website, and watering schedules
- Letter to non-resident property owners water tips, website, and watering schedules
- Water Summit at Community Center with all commercial/large user accounts
- Tiered volumetric pricing on commercial/large user accounts
- Message Board deployed for longer periods of time
- Hand out hose "shut off devices" when residents seen not using them when washing cars/boats, etc.

Actions being considered to Educate Community Continued

- Message Board deployed for longer periods of time
- Increase frequency of leak/overwatering monitor(s)
- Hire Temporary/Seasonal hourly employee to monitor for leaks/overwatering
- Monitor metered customers monthly usage and respond accordingly by notification of water use to customer
- Place "Brown is the New Green" yard signs at parks, and to residents who want to share the message



DROUGHT ENTERS 4TH YEAR

ollowing the lowest snowpack ever recorded and with no end in sight to the unprecedented 4 year drought, Governor Brown recently issued an Executive Order announcing mandatory 25% reductions of water use by all Californians. The new restrictions impact all residents in the Town of Discovery Bay, and we encourage everyone to do their part to conserve.

There are a number of simple and easy approaches that everyone can do to help conserve water in and around the home. Rethinking the way you use water – both indoors and outdoors – will help stretch our limited supplies and ensure water is there when we need it.

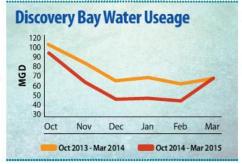
 Little leaks can add up to a lot of wasted water. A small drip can waste 70 gallons of water in a day, while a steady leak just one-sixteenth of an inch in size can send more than 1,000

gallons a day down the drain. Fix leaky faucets and toilets right away.

 Use the washing machine for full loads only to save water and energy. Install a water-efficient clothes washer.



- Run the dishwasher only when full to save water and energy. Install a water and energy efficient dishwasher.
- Install low flow shower heads in the bathroom, encourage everyone to take



shorter showers, and turn water off when brushing teeth or shaving.

- Check your sprinkler system frequently and adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk, or street.
- Choose a water-efficient irrigation system such as drip irrigation for your trees, shrubs, and flowers.
- Put a layer of mulch around trees and plants to reduce evaporation and keep the soil cool. Organic mulch also improves the soil and prevents weeds.

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Town of Discovery Bay

The Town of Discovery Bay Board of Directors meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Discovery Bay Community Center

DISTRICT OFFICE

1800 Willow Lake Rd. Discovery Bay, CA 94505 Located behind Delta Community Presbyterian Church

BOARD

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Water Restrictions in Place in Discovery Bay – It's the Law!

In October 2014, the Board of Directors of the Town passed Ordinance No. 25 establishing Emergency Drought Regulations requiring all Discovery Bay residents and businesses to conserve water in light of the current ongoing drought. The full Ordinance can be found on the Town's home page at www.todb.ca.gov.

The new regulations require that water used to irrigate outdoor landscapes in a manner that causes runoff onto adjacent properties, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, and roadways is prohibited.

Additionally, the use of an automatic shut-off nozzle attached to a hose when washing a car, boat or recreational vehicle is required. The application of water to driveways and sidewalks or used in a non- recirculating fountain or other decorative water feature is also prohibited.

If you would like additional information or need helpful ideas on how to save water, please visit us on the web at www.todb.ca.gov or call 925-634-1131.

LANDSCAPE WATERING SCHEDULE

The application of potable water to outdoor landscapes in a manner that causes runoff where the water flows onto adjacent property, nonirrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, parking lots, or structures is strictly prohibited.

Dwellings or establishments with **even** numbered street addresses may use outdoor water before 1 p.m. and after 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Saturdays only.

Dwellings or establishments with odd numbered street addresses may use outdoor water before 1 p.m. and after 7 p.m. on Wednesdays and Sundays only.

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- Use a broom to clean driveways, sidewalks and patios, not your hose.
- Don't let the hose run when washing cars or boats – use a bucket, sponge, and a hose with self-closing nozzle instead.
- Install a spa or pool cover to reduce evaporation, and check it regularly for leaks.

Let's all do our part, and together, we will make a difference!

Fines for Non-Compliance

Failure to comply with the new regulation may result in fines of up to \$500! The Town may issue a Notice of Violation to any person, business, association, or other party who fails to comply with any condition of the new regulations. A Notice of Violation that is issued is punishable by a fine of \$25 for a first violation, \$50 for a second violation, \$100 for a third violation, and \$500 for a fourth and any subsequent violation.

Notice of Violation

TOTAL:		\$ 675
4th	Violation:	\$ 500
3rd	Violation:	\$ 100
2nd	Violation:	\$ 50
lst	Violation:	\$ 25