



# Conservation is a California Way of Life

## 2023 WATER SUPPLY FACTS AND RESOURCES

While rain and snow provided significant relief throughout the state and the SCV early in 2023, consecutive, multi-year drought and existing impacts on our groundwater supplies mean that it will take time to build back and grow our banked reserves for future dry years.

We must all continue to do our part to reduce water waste and save water for future droughts. Long-term conservation actions will stretch supplies during future shortages, achieve community sustainability, and support and enhance the fantastic quality of life we enjoy in the SCV.

**SCV Water offers our customers many programs, rebates and incentives, and resources to help residents switch to long-term water-efficiency practices that will ensure a sustainable future.**

### ACTION NEEDED TO BANK WATER FOR OUR FUTURE

Although SCV Water has moved toward hitting our planned yearly conservation targets, our banked water supplies need to be replenished. During the last drought, we relied heavily on our banked water supplies in Kern County, using up 45% of those dry-year reserves.

SCV Water's normal conservation program targets a 2-to-3% reduction annually in gallons used per person per day, and we ask that customers continue conserving to replenish our banked water supply for future years.

### *What this means for our customers*

**SCV Water has deactivated its Water Shortage Contingency Plan and Water Conservation and Water Supply Shortage Ordinance. We thank our customers for conserving 4.1 billion gallons of water from May 2022 to June 2023.**

What this means for our customers is that while we have returned to our normal water conservation and water use efficiency conditions, we still need to do our part to make water conservation a California way of life.

SCV Water is still offering our customers educational workshops as well as water-saving rebate programs and incentives to replace water-thirsty lawns with more sustainable landscapes.

Now is the perfect opportunity for customers to work towards creating their own sustainable landscapes. By establishing a drought-resilient landscape now, customers will be better prepared to handle any future droughts or drastic shifts in climate or water supply.



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### *Statewide Water Waste Restrictions*

With the Governor's statewide drought emergency declaration still in effect, the State Water Resources Control Board has continued emergency regulations that restrict water waste activities. **Though SCV Water is in a No Shortage Stage, the public is reminded that the following activities remain prohibited:**

#### RESTRICTED WATER USE

- Allowing runoff when watering with potable water.
- Using potable water to wash sidewalks and driveways, except for health or safety reasons.
- Using hoses with no shutoff nozzles to wash cars.
- Watering outdoors during and within 48 hours following measurable rainfall.
- Using potable water in decorative water features that do not recirculate the water.
- Using potable water to irrigate non-functional turf at commercial, industrial, and institutional sites, and homeowner associations and common interest developments. Potable water is not prohibited to the extent necessary to ensure the health of trees and other perennial non-turf plantings or for health and safety needs. **This does not apply to residential customers.**

### *Programs to Help You Conserve*

SCV Water offers a variety of rebates and programs to help customers save water and money. Rebates and programs include:



LAWN REPLACEMENT



IRRIGATION AND EFFICIENCY PRODUCT REBATES



FREE HOME CHECK-UPS



WORKSHOPS AND MORE

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