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Scheduled Maintenance at Castaic Lake December 14-22; SCV Water Urges Customers to Pause Outdoor Water Use

Additional Maintenance Scheduled for mid-February 2026

SCV Water is asking customers to pause all outdoor water use from December 14-22, 2025, while scheduled maintenance at Castaic Lake temporarily limits the Agency's imported water supply. The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) will be repairing a pipeline at Castaic Lake, which requires closing SCV Water's connection. SCV Water does not have any maintenance or repair work planned during this shutdown.

"DWR scheduled the project during the winter months when temperatures are mild, days are shorter and the need for outdoor irrigation is minimal," said SCV Water Director of Operations and Maintenance Mike Alvord. "Outdoor water use is the single largest water use for customers, so turning off the irrigation is an easy and essential way to achieve water savings."

WATER SUPPLIES

During the shutdown, SCV Water will rely on local groundwater sources and treated imported water stored in reservoirs throughout the Santa Clarita Valley. In preparation, local storage facilities will be filled to capacity.

"About half of the SCV's water supply comes from local groundwater and the other half from imported sources like the State Water Project," said Alvord. "Although there will be water in Castaic Lake, it won't be available for use during the maintenance period."

Alvord emphasized that the conservation initiative reflects a temporary delivery interruption – not a shortage in the overall water supply. Once maintenance is complete, water from Castaic Lake will be available again.

CALL FOR CONSERVATION

SCV Water is taking steps to prepare for scheduled maintenance and is asking customers to work together and do their part to save water from December 14-22, 2025. During that time, outdoor water use should be completely turned off so available supplies can be reserved for indoor needs, health and safety, and emergencies. The shutoff request extends to all outdoor water uses including but not limited to:

- Irrigating personal landscapes or common areas in business parks or HOAs
- Washing vehicles by hand
- Filling or refilling pools
- Using water for grading in new developments
- Any other major uses of water that can be postponed until the following week

This conservation effort will help ensure reliable water service for everyone during the repair period.

“Just a year ago, the Palisades, Eaton and Hughes fires reminded us how quickly emergencies can arise,” said SCV Water General Manager Matt Stone. “By saving water during the shutdown, we can help ensure SCV Water is prepared for any unexpected events.”

WHY MAINTENANCE MATTERS
Routine maintenance prevents costly emergency fixes, enhances safety, and keeps our water system running efficiently. Deferring maintenance, even temporarily, can lower system efficiency and increase the risk of infrastructure failure. A major emergency could disrupt water service for all SCV Water customers and lead to significantly higher repair and replacement costs.

“Municipal water systems operate 24/7, so regular maintenance of key infrastructure is essential,” said Alvord. “Annual maintenance extends the life of our infrastructure, improves performance, and reduces future repair costs, all while ensuring a reliable water supply.”

The maintenance is scheduled for two phases, December 2025 and February 2026, to ensure that the work can be completed smoothly, without placing unnecessary strain on SCV Water’s system or significantly affecting customers’ water supply. A second outdoor water use pause notice will be issued prior to the February shutdown.

To learn more, visit: yourSCVwater.com/castaic-lake-maintenance

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About SCV Water:
The Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCV Water) is a full-service regional water agency located in the Santa Clarita Valley. SCV Water provides water service to more than 75,000 business and residential customers. It was formed on January 1, 2018, when local water suppliers combined into one integrated, regional water provider. More information can be found at www.yourSCVwater.com

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