

BORREGO WATER DISTRICT  
CONSERVATION ORDER AND  
SUGGESTED CONSERVATION RESOURCES

CALIFORNIA MANDATED WATER USE RESTRICTIONS  
JUNE 1, 2015 – MARCH 1, 2016

The following restrictions are mandated by the State of California effective June 1, 2015 to March 1, 2016 and apply to “municipal water users” including Borrego:

ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

- Ornamental turf on public street medians may not be irrigated
- Newly constructed homes may not irrigate with potable water unless they meet certain new water efficiency standards
- Sidewalks and driveways may not be washed with potable water
- Irrigation runoff with potable water is prohibited
- Washing cars without an automatic shutoff nozzle is prohibited
- Decorative fountains must recirculate potable water or go dry
- Irrigating during and within 48 hours of measurable rain is prohibited
- Restaurants may only serve water upon request
- Hotels and Motels must offer guest the option not to launder linens daily and prominently display this option in each guest room

BORREGO WATER DISTRICT:

Borrego Water District must reduce by 25% in June through December 2015 its potable water sales as compared to June through November 2013. The deadline to report water use to the State by category is December 2015. The State forecasts that the drought will last through 2016 and has indicated that more severe restrictions are planned. As a result, the current mandated restrictions will remain in place through at least March 2016.

DISTRICT’S APPROACH TO REDUCTION MANDATE

The District’s initial response to the reduction mandate is to increase the cost of the base meter rate 19% for water users, and the commodity water and sewer rates by 5% in accordance with the rate increase structure adopted in 2011 to prevent revenue loss as a result of the mandated reductions listed in the Order. In addition, the District has accumulated various resources and opportunities for voluntary conservation by ratepayers. This includes online help and suggested resources to reduce water use in the home and specific local and practical help for those wishing to reduce water use on landscaping, turf and other vegetation. There are resources to assist residents seeking to eliminate vegetation, replace vegetation with drought tolerant plantings or wean existing established vegetation from an excessive to reduced watering schedule. Unfortunately, there are currently no District funds available to provide direct financial incentives to accomplish these tasks. The State has indicated that it will provide yet undefined rebates for turf removal and the replacement of various appliances. If voluntary conservation is insufficient to reach the mandated reductions, the District will be forced to implement penalties and fines to enforce compliance. For more information on the Governor’s Executive Order visit: [www.swrcb.ca.gov](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov)