

WOODLANDS MUTUAL WATER COMPANY

DROUGHT RESPONSE - GOLF

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Background

As California endures a period of historic drought, water conservation mandates have become commonplace. In Nipomo, conservation requirements have been issued both by the Governor in Executive Order B-29-15 (April, 2015) and through the Nipomo Mesa Management Area (NMMA) Technical Group (May, 2015). The Woodlands Mutual Water Company (WMWCo) must comply with both mandates. The summary table below has been prepared for our customers to minimize confusion, since the required use reductions are similar:

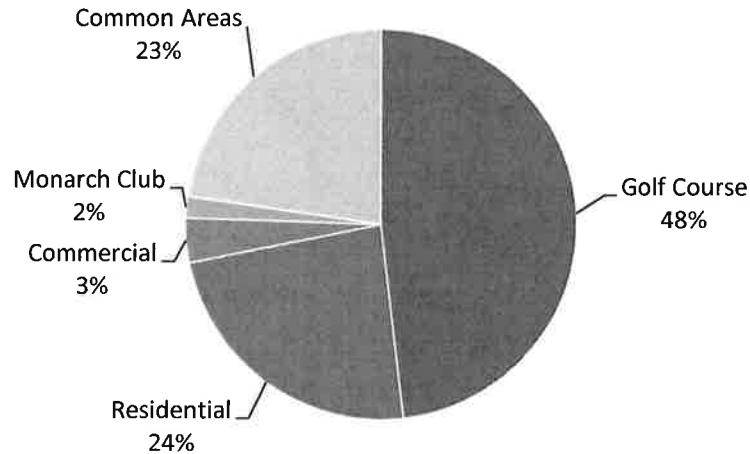
Source of Requirement	Requirement Summary	Explanation
Governor's Executive Order	Target statewide reduction of potable water by 25% compared to 2013	Systems with less than 3,000 connections like WMWCo must either limit outdoor irrigation to two days per week, or implement an equivalent program to achieve a 25% reduction per household.
NMMA Technical Group	Reduce total groundwater pumping by 30% compared to 2013	WMWCo must pump 30% less from the groundwater basin compared to 2013. This requirement can be met by a combination of water conservation and importation of new water.

If you would like to read the actual language of the above mandates, you can do so via our website at www.woodlandsmwc.com.

WMWCo's Action Plan

WMWCo's proposed action plan will include water conservation goals for our five customer types, including residential, golf, commercial, common area landscaping, and the Monarch Club. The chart on the following page summarizes water consumption in 2013 by customer type.

Groundwater Use by Customer Type (2013 baseline - 1,004 acre feet used)



The focus of this letter is on the water use associated with irrigation of the golf course. The golf course is currently irrigated primarily with raw well water pumped from the dedicated Highway 1 Well located on the property.

The golf course also receives approximately 70 acre feet of recycled water annually from WMWCo, but there is not sufficient supply of recycled water to eliminate the use of raw water. The golf course shall irrigate with recycled water as the first source of supply before using other groundwater sources. The use of recycled water is not restricted or impacted by the governor's order or the NMMA requirement.

The golf course must reduce its groundwater pumping by a minimum annual amount of 30% to meet the NMMA requirement. This reduction will concurrently comply with the governor's order. We understand that golf course management employs a variety of professional techniques to optimize and balance competing irrigation needs. The golf course owner has discretion to assemble a water reduction plan that best balances these needs while achieving the required reduction. Based on information that WMWCo has received to date from the golf course owner, we understand that the following actions are being taken:

1. Golf course management will review the groundwater volume pumped in 2013 on a month by month basis, and it will reduce its current pumping by the required 30% for the same month.
2. Required reductions will be verified monthly based on water meter data.
3. Based on our discussions, golf course management has analyzed existing irrigation requirements and has elected to prioritize its water use as follows (from highest priority to lowest):
 - a. Greens and Tees

- b. Fairways
 - c. Roughs
 - d. Outer roughs and dunes
4. It is our understanding that the distribution of water volume will generally be applied as follows:
- Greens and tees: 22%
 - Fairways: 42%
 - Roughs: 20%
 - Dunes: 5%
 - Miscellaneous, including additional irrigation of sensitive areas: 11%

Once the governor's order has been rescinded and groundwater levels with NMMA return to normal, the golf course may resume irrigation of all areas within its boundaries without restriction.

We do ask that all customers, including golf, observe the following prohibitions relating to the waste of water:

- Using potable water to wash sidewalks and driveways
- Using hoses with no automatic shutoff nozzles to wash carts or equipment
- Irrigating during and within 48 hours following measureable rainfall, other than for storm water management as required