



Lower Lake County Waterworks District 1
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RE: Water Conservation 2021

Dear LLCWD Customers,

After such a difficult year, we know that the last thing anyone wants to deal with is an extreme drought. Unfortunately, that is the unavoidable fact that we are faced with here in Lake County.

LLCWD needs the cooperation of *all our customers*, to please **conserve** water as we are in an **Extreme Drought** this year.

After two years of low precipitation, the U.S. Drought Monitor now reports that 95 percent of California is experiencing Moderate to Exceptional Drought. We are in the Extreme Drought category. Reservoir and groundwater levels are significantly below average. Clear Lake's level, and ground water levels are far below the average YTD. Rainfall totals YTD are extremely low, with the sustained dry conditions, we face a real threat to our water supply. These historically dry conditions create uncertainty for all water systems in Lake County.

LLCWD is central to public health and our economy. The Lower Lake County Water Board and our dedicated and diligent staff work hard all year long to ensure a reliable supply of clean water to our neighbors and community. Your early efforts can help to minimize the potential impact of water management actions that otherwise could be needed, including serious water restrictions.

Please start planning now around this water supply shortage, and help to forestall a worse situation that could develop later this year. Meet with other members of your household and identify practical actions you can take to decrease water use.

In doing so, you can help LLCWD to increase our drought resilience.

Extreme Drought often can result in impacts to water utility operations, including:

- Loss of water pressure and water supply
- Poor water quality from the source that may require additional treatment to meet drinking water standards
- Inability to access alternative and supplementary water sources because of high demand
- Increased costs and reduced revenues related to responding to drought impacts

Best Regards,

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