



## 2009 Water Conservation Measures

To combat California's third consecutive year of drought, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, on February 27, 2009, proclaimed a State of Emergency and ordered immediate action to manage the crisis. In the proclamation, the Governor used his authority to direct all state government agencies to utilize their resources, implement a state emergency plan and provide assistance for people, communities and businesses impacted by the drought. The proclamation further requests that all urban water users immediately increase their water conservation activities in an effort to reduce their individual water use by 20 percent.

As a result of Bureau of Reclamation water cutbacks and in response to the Governor's proclamation, the Shasta Lake City Council declared a water shortage emergency on March 17, 2009. The City Council action on March 17<sup>th</sup> implemented Sections 13.12.400 through 13.12.404 of Shasta Lake's Municipal Code. Shasta Lake's Municipal Code is available online at <http://ci.shasta-lake.ca.us>.

Below is a summary of the water use restrictions that are currently in place:

- Use of potable water to irrigate turf, ground cover, shrubbery, crops, vegetation, and trees in such a manner as to result in runoff for more than five minutes.
- Use of potable water to wash sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, open ground or other hard surfaced areas except where necessary for public health or safety.
- Allowing potable water to escape from breaks within the customer's plumbing system for more than twenty-four (24) hours after the customer is notified or discovers the break.
- Washing cars, boats, trailers, aircraft, or other vehicles by hose without a shutoff nozzle and bucket, except to wash such vehicles at commercial or fleet vehicle washing facilities using water recycling equipment.
- No restaurant, hotel, cafe, cafeteria, or other public place where food is sold, served or offered for sale, shall serve drinking water to any customer unless expressly requested.
- Use of potable water for construction, compaction, dust control, street or parking lot sweeping, building wash down where non-potable or recycled water is sufficient.
- Use of potable water for sewer system maintenance or fire protection training without prior approval by the city engineer.
- Use of potable water to fill or maintain levels in swimming pools, decorative fountains, ponds or evaporative coolers unless a recycling system is used. (*Recycling systems include the filter system used for most in-ground or above-ground pools, or recirculation pumps used to recycle water for most fountains or evaporative coolers*).

While the City believes that the above water use restrictions are practical and common sense in nature, the City Council may adopt by resolution additional restrictions necessary to safeguard the adequacy of the water supply for domestic, sanitation, fire protection, and environmental requirements.