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CRPD Receives Award for Community Pool



From the left, Cordova Recreation & Park District (CRPD) Director Rick Sloan, Director of Parks & Recreation Jill Nunes, Chairperson Terri Leimbach, General Manager Patrick Larkin and Director Brian Danzl with the California Association of Recreation and Park Districts (CARPD) Outstanding Renovated Facility Award for the Cordova Community Pool. Photo courtesy of Rick Sloan

By Shelby Golden, Cordova Recreation & Park District

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - The Cordova Recreation & Park District (CRPD) is honored to be the recipient of the California Association of Recreation and Park Districts (CARPD) Outstanding Renovated Facility Award for the Cordova Community Pool. The District was presented with the award during the CARPD Annual Conference on May 19, 2022.

This project gave CRPD the opportunity to implement a wide array of energy, water and environmental

savings that did not exist in the old facility. All new plumbing fixtures provided during the renovation either meet or exceed the standards of the California Green Building Code for nonresidential plumbing fixtures putting them among the most efficient of fixtures available today. The facility also implemented a beautiful palette of plants inspired by the local flora of the nearby Sacramento River. This drought tolerant and native palette reduces the need for irrigation and on-going maintenance, as well as attracts pollinators like butterflies and hummingbirds.

A primary tenet of sustainable design is improving the health and wellbeing of the community. The new complex brings back an integral piece of community recreation and exercise. With two distinct pools, residents will find something for everyone: whether it is lap swimming, swim and safety classes, aquatic fitness, swim clubs or just cooling off during the hot Rancho Cordova summers. Swimming is one of the best exercises because it engages the whole body. Water-based exercise reduces impact on joints and

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Sac County Introduces Social Host Ordinance

By Kim Nava, Sacramento County

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Board of Supervisors, at its May 11 meeting, introduced an ordinance amending Sacramento County Code Chapter 4.54 to add host liability and penalties for violations of county code relating to fireworks. The ordinance will be continued to the May 24 Board meeting for adoption and will go into effect June 24, 2022.

Strategies to help address fireworks safety concerns in the past have focused on education and mitigation, including press releases, informational handouts and fireworks inspections.

Enforcement efforts have also included illegal fireworks buy-busts, confiscation and citations, arson investigations and proper disposal of illegal fireworks.

However, a public safety tool that has been increasingly used successfully in other jurisdictions is a "host ordinance" that places accountability for sales and/or use of illegal fireworks on property owners.

"Host," as it relates to this ordinance, means a person who knowingly permits or allows fireworks to be lit, exploded or sold on private property owned or controlled by the person, and the person knows or reasonably should have known that the fireworks would have been lit, exploded or sold.

Amending Sacramento County Code Chapter 4.54 creates new host responsibilities that include liability and penalties with increased fines for violations of the county code relating to Fireworks and provides an additional tool for reducing harm caused by use of illegal fireworks. Penalties for violations are as follows:

\$1,000 for the first violation; \$2,500 for the second violation within one year of the first violation; \$5,000 for each additional violation within one year of the first violation; \$10,000 for each violation that occurs within the American River Parkway

The ordinance to add host liability for illegal fireworks allows fire, law enforcement (including park rangers) and code enforcement agencies to hold the owner or person in charge of real property or conducting an illegal fireworks event responsible for costs of response associated with the presence of emergency personnel, the

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County's Response to Homelessness

Sac County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County is actively engaged in multiple strategies to provide services that unhoused residents need to transition into safe, stable housing.

In Fiscal Year 2021/2022 alone, we have invested nearly \$50 million in homeless specific programs, services, shelter, re-housing and data infrastructure to serve our community, with funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) and the County's General Fund, among others.

Notable projects this year include:

Safe Stay community developments - providing on-site services, security and re-housing to move people from unsheltered homelessness into housing and other supportive services while providing much needed respite to the neighborhoods through a reduction in trash, tents, violence and blight.

Encampment Service teams: Comprised of Outreach navigators, re-housing staff and clinical staff to provide behavioral health assessments and referrals for those living in encampments.



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Additional investment of the construction of Marisol Village – an affordable housing project slated to add an additional 116 units to the final project.

Invested three years of funding to greatly expand Coordinated Access (CAS), a powerful collaboration designed to ensure that homeless persons and persons at risk of homelessness are matched, as quickly as possible, with the services that will most effectively end their homelessness.

This funding provides for increased coverage at 211, and new field-based staff to assist households into crisis support services and rehousing.

Landlord Engagement and Re-Housing Supports: conducting outreach and educational events to recruit landlords and expand the availability of rental units; investment in incentives such as sign-on bonuses, move-in assistance, vacancy loss payments, etc. to support landlord retention; and

increasing flexible rental subsidies to improve the efficacy of voucher and homeless housing subsidy programs.

Funding 60 beds through December 2024 to support the Parkway Navigation team, prioritizing those exiting the portion of the Parkway between Interstate 5 and Highway 160. The Salvation Army will provide 24/7 staffing, food, laundry, case management and re-housing supports, with an

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Girl Scouts Heart of Central California News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)
- Girl Scouts Heart of
Central California aimed
to crush the outdoor gender gap on April 23 and 24,
when nearly 600 girls and
260 adult volunteers in an
18-county region descend
on Lake Camanche to learn

or improve their skills in archery, fishing, paddling, and horseback riding.

The Outdoor Adventure Campout is an overnight camping experience, April 23-24, for Girl Scouts in grades K-12. Participants choose from one of four "trails," to focus their weekend on fishing, horses, paddling, or target sports. All girls will be able to hone their outdoor survival skills, climb a rock wall, swim in a lake, camp with their troop, and learn more about nature.

According to the 2021 Outdoor Participation Trends Report, funded by the Outdoor Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the Outdoor Industry Association, 2021 had the highest rate of American participation in outdoor activities on record, largely due to COVID-19. However, nearly half of the U.S. population did not share in the positive health outcomes of the outdoors. In addition, female participation in outdoor activities remained stagnant at just 46%, despite the fact 51% of the U.S. population is female. The study also revealed an extreme lack of diversity in outdoor activities, with nearly 75% of outdoor participants identi-

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Girl Scouts smile and laugh during the 2019 Outdoor Adventure Campout. All photos courtesy of Girl Scouts Hoart of Control California

believe girls are forces of nature, and they were meant for outdoor adventures. GSHCC is dedicated to supporting year-round outdoor experiences because every outdoor adventure grows a Girl Scout's "I've got this" attitude. And once they unlock that confidence, they'll aim as high as the stars they see outside their tents.

The inaugural Outdoor Adventure Campout occurred in 2019 with 600 total participants, including adult volunteers. Out of concern for the health and safety of girls and volunteers, events in 2020 and 2021 were conducted virtually, and girls camped in their backyards and living rooms.

"We are thrilled to see a 40% participation increase from the 2019 Outdoor Adventure Campout," said GSHCC CEO Dr. Linda E. Farley. "We are even more thrilled to bring this



A young Girl Scout pulls back on a bow and prepares to fire an arrow at the 2019 Outdoor Adventure Campout.

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A Girl Scout walks with a horse at the 2019 Outdoor Adventure Campout. Below: Two Girl Scouts paddle in a raft at the 2019 Outdoor Adventure Campout.

in-person event back to girls in Central California. It is absolutely essential to us that girls have a safe place to get outside, try new activities, and feel supported by their peers and the adults around them."

To learn more about the amazing opportunities Girl Scouts offers, or to learn more about volunteering, visit www.girlscoutshcc.org. **







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Trash and Debris Removed by Volunteers During Spring Clean-Up



Part of the trash pile at the Howe Avenue River Access. Photo courtesy of the American River Parkway Foundation

American River Parkway Foundation News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)

- More than 400 volunteers removed over 13,450 pounds of trash and debris from the American River Parkway (Parkway) during the American River Parkway Foundation's (Parkway Foundation) Spring Clean-Up on Saturday, April 23. That's more than 33 pounds per volunteer.

Spring Clean-Up is the Parkway Foundation's second largest clean-up of the year and took place at eight locations along the Parkway this year, including:
Discovery Park, Northgate
Parkway Access, Cal Expo
Parkway Access, Northrop
Parkway Access, Howe
Avenue River Access, River
Bend Park and the Upper

Sunrise Recreation Area.

This is the first time the

clean-up has been held since

"We love and appreciate our volunteers. These are families and involved community members that are giving up part of their Saturday to help us conserve the American River Parkway," said Dianna Poggetto, Parkway

Foundation Executive Director. "We would not be able to make the impact we do without their dedication."

Some of the most interesting items found during the clean-up: The Sacramento Bee newspaper dispenser, a unicycle, a toy gun, a plastic barrel, shopping carts and electric scooters.

In addition to Spring Clean-Up, the Parkway Foundation hosts the Great American River Clean Up. This event takes place along all 23 miles of the Parkway and will be on September 17 this year. These large clean-ups are complemented by smaller group clean-ups the Parkway Foundation hosts yearround to form the Parkway Foundation's Clean-Up Program. Last year, more than 138,000 pounds of trash were removed by Parkway Foundation volunteers through this program.

More details about Parkway Foundation programs can be found at www. ARPF.org/Programs. ★

CRPD Director Sloan Elected to CARPD Board

By Shelby Golden, Cordova Recreation & Park District

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)

- The Cordova Recreation & Park District's (CRPD) Director Rick Sloan was elected to the California Association of Recreation and Park Districts (CARPD) Board of Directors on May 19, 2022, at the CARPD Annual Conference.

A longtime CRPD resident, Sloan is a graphic artist and celebrated photographer. Sloan was first elected to CRPD's Board of Directors in 2008, was re-elected in 2012 and 2016 and was uncontested in 2020.

"Rick Sloan has been an outstanding advocate for parks and recreation services throughout the Sacramento region," expressed District General Manager Patrick Larkin. "He continues to represent the voice of the community as the District grows."

Sloan is also an active member of CARPD, an organization dedicated to improving the quality of recreation and park districts throughout California. As a CARPD Director, Sloan will serve on the governing body



CRPD Director Rick Sloan at the California Association of Recreation and Park Districts (CARPD) Annual Conference.

responsible for all policy decisions related to support, education, member services and legislative advocacy for recreation and park districts in California. CARPD Board Members play a key role in overseeing the direction of the organization by identifying emerging trends in parks and recreation and working to provide resources to help better the communities of tens of millions of Californians.

To learn more about the District's Board of Directors, visit crpd.com/ board-of-directors/.

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provides steady resistance, making it ideal for people with joint-related issues. Having access to water-play is great for mental health as well. It improves mood in adults and the play feature is great for brain and motor skill development in small children. The Cordova Community Pool expands the aquatic capabilities in the community and is the only public pool in Rancho Cordova that accommodates swim teams and lap swimming

CRPD looks forward to being able to offer additional programs, including adaptive programs, for community members to

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To learn more about the Cordova Community Pool, visit crpd.com/about/crpd-awards-recognition/.

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STUDENTS MAKING THE GRADE

We recognize local students who have achieved scholastic honors at their institutions of higher learning.

- **❖ ALISON BRADUS** (Gold River) has earned placement on the Gonzaga University (Spokane, WA) President's List for fall semester 2021.
- **BRYCE TURNIPSEED** (Gold River) was named to the Dean's List at George Fox University (Newberg, OR).
- WILLIAM GUSTAFSON (Gold River) was named to the 2021 fall semester Dean's List at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities
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Former *Grapevine-Independent* Publisher Lois Hawkes Passes Away

By Jeff Hawkes and Mitch Hawkes

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Lois Hawkes, a former owner of the Grapevine-Independent Newspaper and 60-year resident of Rancho Cordova, passed away May 11 at Kaiser Hospital in Sacramento. She was 89.

Lois Hawkes was the widow of colorful Grapevine-Independent Newspaper publisher and columnist Doug Hawkes, who died in 2009. Lois had a long working relationship with the Grapevine-Independent as well, serving at various times as Circulation Manager, Typesetter and Copy Editor. It was an era when two local newspapers were vying for readership—The Grapevine-Independent and the now-defunct Rancho Cordovan.

Both Lois and Doug Hawkes worked for the newspaper from its earliest days in 1968. The Hawkes family ultimately became owners of the paper for the full decade of the 1980s.

She was born Lois Mae Holto Feb. 16, 1933, in Grand Forks North Dakota, the fifth of six Norwegian-American children born to Hilda and Gunder Holto.

At age 10, Lois boarded a train with her family, moving from North Dakota to live in a city she had only seen in picture books—San Francisco. Father Gunder Holto—a WW1 US Army veteran—had been recruited by legendary "Kaiser Shipbuilding" in San Rafael. Many Midwesterners like Gunder in those years were relocated to work at West Coast armament companies to help America win WW2. Lois attended school in the big City, and on weekends and during summer explored the streets of downtown San Francisco near her Civic Center neighborhood.

A year after WW2 ended, she and her family returned to Grand Forks, where honor student Lois graduated a year early from Central High School, Class of 1950. For a short time, she was a performance "couples" roller skater in her old home town. But memories of beautiful California quickly lured her back to the Golden State, while most of her family stayed firmly planted in the cold North Dakota hinterland.

As a teen now living in the warmth and among the palm trees of Los Angeles, Lois quickly found steady work while staying with her favorite sister Lorraine. It was a



Lois Mae Hawkes (1933-2022)

booming time for the young and dynamic SoCal area of the early 1950s.

Now 20 years of age, Lois met future husband Doug Hawkes at a dance in downtown Pasadena. Doug Hawkes was an undergraduate at well-heeled Occidental University in nearby Eagle Rock—a school attended by young Barack Obama three decades later. By summer, Lois and Doug were married in, and had a "Honeymoon in Vegas." It was a Las Vegas just learning it might one day be the marriage capital of the nation.

It was a time in the 1950s when gamblers and vacationers dressed formally. It was understandable when celebrity comedian Red Skelton apparently mistook young, glamorous Lois for movie star Debbie Reynolds in a casino. Lois was impressed when her new husband took her to a Vegas show and they listened to a famous crooner of the era, Al Martino, at the Sands Hotel.

Martino two decades later played singer Johnny Fontaine in "The Godfather" movie.

After the couple's first child was born in 1954, a regional sales job for Doug drew the Hawkes family north to Oakland and San Francisco. A few moves and children later, Lois and Doug settled into their long-time home in a shiny new suburb called Rancho Cordova. The year was 1962 and Rancho Cordova was booming with tract home projects and rapid population growth. The completed Hawkes family featured children Anne, Mitchell, Linden and Jeffrey. All would attend local schools and graduate from Cordova Senior High School.

Lois, never a stay-at-home mom, worked in the 1960s at the fondly-remembered "Pied Piper" variety store in Cordova Village on Folsom Blvd. Her children were swimmers and baseball players, so Lois became a volunteer for the Cordova Swim Team and Rancho Cordova Little League, and joined a neighborhood Garden Club. When salesman husband Doug switched careers to start writing for the local Grapevine Newspaper, Lois became his assistant circulation manager. The energetic 5-0, 110-lb. Lois delivered heavy bundles of Grapevines to young paper carriers all over Rancho Cordova.

Wanting full time work when her children were teenagers, Lois landed an executive secretary position with a nearby heavy equipment leasing firm, George M. Philpott and Company. She and husband Doug joined the local Elks Lodge, and thus Lois become a member of the Rancho Cordova Emblem Club. While with the Philpott Co. at special events, she rode the "Goodyear Blimp," attended the 1972 World Series between the Cincinnati Reds and Oakland A's, and attended many San Francisco Giants games at windy Candlestick Park. She would work in the construction business 15 years.

Husband Doug and eldest son Mitch purchased the now "Grapevine-Independent" newspaper from Lin Corey in 1979. Six years later, Lois joined the staff. She wore many hats at the family-owned business—front office, circulation manager, typesetter and copy editor—a lot of work, but a typical mix of jobs for owners of weekly newspapers in that era.

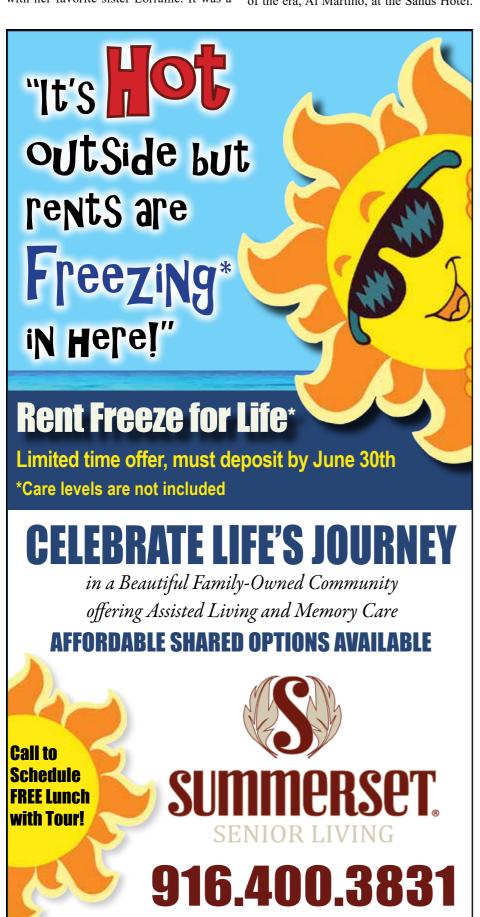
After a decade, the Hawkes family sold the newspaper to Robert Ling. Lois then found work at Woolworth Garden Center for the next 6 years, while still finding time to assist the Grapevine-Independent Newspaper on circulation nights.

In 1994 Lois was hired by Mervyn's Department Store on Olson Drive, and worked 14 years at the jewelry counter. The nationwide chain Mervyn's closed all stores during the "Great Recession" of 2009.

Always keeping busy, Lois started an Internet business in 2009. She sold a wide range of items on eBay for the past 13 years.

Honored by the new City of Rancho Cordova, the widowed Lois accepted the plaque for Doug Hawkes at the Rancho Cordova Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremony in 2016.

Lois Hawkes is survived by three sons, two grandsons and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by husband Doug (2009) and daughter Anne (2019). ★



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discharge of illegal fireworks on private property or the American River Parkway, and any aiding and abetting the discharge of illegal fireworks.

How to identify legal and illegal fireworks:

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Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Housing Program adding 60 units that provide a continuum of interventions including homelessness prevention, flexible housing funds, rapid rehousing, and permanent supportive housing for persons experiencing both homelessness and mental health issues. These units are on top of a recent \$27.3 million in No Place Like Home (NPLH) funding to build/renovate 137 additional dedicated apartments. Another \$9.5 million in NPLH funding is currently under State review to build an additional 37 dedicated apartments.

Additionally, working with our partners in all our cities is crucial to address the issue. Sacramento County and the City of Sacramento in particular must remain focused on addressing issues together, taking into account our responsibility to constituents, stakeholders and our homeless neighbors.

The County and City of Sacramento have collaborated for the past several years to identify and pursue opportunities to partner on projects that will serve the homeless population in the most efficient and effective way possible. While there are many good ideas to address the immediate and long-term needs around homelessness, not every project is fossible.

For example, the City and County were recently exploring a large site to potentially purchase and renovate as shelter with on-site wrap around services for people experiencing homelessness. After careful consideration, the County decided not to pursue the project

for multiple reasons, including the cost of the real estate, the limitations imposed by the property owner that would interfere with provision of critical services and the relatively small number of people who would be served for such a large investment. The County has multiple sheltering projects under consideration for a similar or lesser amount of funding that will serve greater numbers of people over the long term and result in permanent exits from homelessness.

Critical to our success is the ability to partner with the City of Sacramento – and the other six cities in our jurisdiction - but also weighing the benefits and drawbacks of every dollar spent with the end goal of reaching every person experiencing homelessness. The County is ready to support projects and programs that are aligned with evidence-based approaches to addressing homelessness.

Sacramento is facing an unprecedented crisis of homelessness in our community. This crisis cannot be pinpointed to one specific cause, rather a myriad of complicated issues including a housing affordability gap, the impacts of COVID-19 and the overwhelming need for mental health and drug and alcohol rehabilitation services.

The Point-in-Time count results will likely show a significant increase in unhoused residents in Sacramento County. Now more than ever, the County and cities can work side by side to address this crisis. Together we are stronger, more effective and more capable of

For more information on the County's response to homelessness, visit our website

Experts Look for Solutions as Fentanyl Overdose Deaths Surge

Commentary by Alvina Alston

There's no question that the pandemic caused a troubling upward trend in addiction disorders, with many people turning to substances like opioids to help them cope with the loss of a loved one, feelings of isolation or job stress. But amid the darkness came a sliver of light: the dawn of telehealth and tele-mental health services, which provide convenient ways for folks to seek help.

"We've also seen the rollout of naloxone, the opioid reversal agent that can save lives," said Dr. Paul Christo in a recent interview. "It doesn't have to be prescribed by a physician. It can be, but in certain states, pharmacists can dispense it without a prescription. Drugs like methadone, buprenorphine and suboxone, these drugs help prevent relapse, reduce craving and are really important."

Dr. Christo, Associate Professor in the Division of Pain Medicine at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, wants to remind those battling addiction to make use of these valuable telemedicine and tele-mental health services, and adds that it's important for clinicians to advocate to their patients that online treatment options, including telehealth prescriptions for critical medications are available.

The opioid epidemic today progressed in three phases, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The first involves deaths caused by prescription opioids, the second, an increase in heroin use, and the third, a surge in the use

of synthetic opioids or fentanyl. Experts say the U.S. is right in the middle of the third phase of the epidemic, due to the increasing availability of fentanyl and increasing rates of overdose deaths involving synthetic opioids.

According to a recent study there were 632,331 drug overdoses between 1999 and 2016. Most of these deaths (78.2 percent) were drug overdoses with known drug classification. Moreover, 21.8 percent were unclassified drug overdoses. A further investigation revealed that for unclassified drug overdoses, 71.8 percent involved opioids, translating to 99,160 additional opioid-related deaths.

There were over 70,000 drug overdose deaths in 2017, according to an estimate from the CDC. Based on findings from the new study, over half of those deaths, about 47,000 are suspected of having involved opioids.

Another study on opioid overdoses found that the number of drug overdose deaths decreased by 4 percent from 2017 to 2018. In 2018, more than 67,000 people died from drug overdoses, making it a leading cause of injury-related death in the United States. Almost 70 percent involved a prescription or illicit opioid of those deaths.

"COVID-19 impacted the drug supply chain by closing borders on some regions, and it led to the higher death rate," Dr. Christo explained. He added that drugs become more challenging to get, and the potency of overdose goes up. It also impacts the price, everything goes up, and in that sense, it becomes more deadly each day, according to Dr. Christo.

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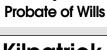
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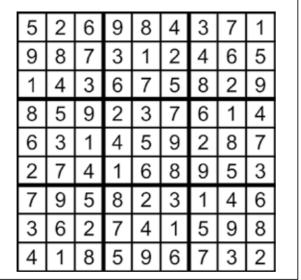




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California Water Boards News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - In response to Governor Gavin Newsom's March 28 Executive Order the State Water Resources Control Board adopted an emergency water conservation regulation that will ensure more aggressive conservation by local water agencies across the state.

The new regulation bans irrigating turf at commercial, industrial, and institutional properties, such as grass in front of or next to large industrial or commercial buildings. The ban does not include watering turf that is used for recreation or other community purposes, water used at residences or water to maintain trees. The regulation also requires all urban water suppliers to implement conservation actions under Level 2 of their Water Shortage Contingency Plans.

In March 2022, the state's urban retail water suppliers reported average water use statewide that was nearly 19% greater than in March 2020, lowering the state's cumulative water savings since July 2021 to 3.7%. On May 23, 2022, Governor Newsom convened leaders from the state's largest urban water suppliers imploring them to take more aggressive action to combat drought.

"The severity of this drought requires all Californians to save water in every possible way," said Joaquin Esquivel, chair of the State Water Board. "The regulation compels water systems and local authorities to implement a range of additional critical conservation measures as we enter the hot and dry summer months."

Level 2 water shortage contingency plans are meant to address up to a 20% shortage of water supplies. In addition to implementing Level 2 actions, the regulation requires urban water suppliers to fast-track supply and demand assessments to plan for potential extended dry conditions.

Level 2 actions often include things such as: Limiting outdoor irrigation to certain days or hours; Increasing patrolling to identify water waste; Enforcing water-use prohibitions; Increasing communication about the importance of water conservation.

Some water suppliers already have imposed strong new restrictions on customers' water use in accordance with their drought management plans. However, about half of the state's 436 water suppliers (both urban water retailers and wholesalers) have not yet activated Level 2, and 36 have not submitted drought plans. The emergency regulation will require suppliers without drought plans to take certain conservation actions, such as conducting outreach to customers about conservation, restricting outdoor irrigation to two days a week and enforcing against wasteful water practices.

The approved regulation will be submitted to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for approval, which typically occurs within 10 calendar days. The ban on non-functional turf becomes effective upon OAL approval and the Level 2 requirements for urban water suppliers are proposed to take effect on June 10, 2022.

The regulation will give suppliers new options to reduce water waste if they choose to use them. A violation of the non-functional turf irrigation provision, for example, would be an infraction and subject to a fine of up to \$500.

People who see water waste should report it at savewater.ca.gov.

The State Water Board's mission is to preserve, enhance and restore the quality of California's water resources and drinking water for the protection of the environment, public health and all beneficial uses, and to ensure proper allocation and efficient use for present and future generations.

U.S. Bank Helping Unhoused Sacramento Women



Pamela Maxwell of U.S. Bank presents a check for \$30,000 to Lisa Culp from Women's Empowerment to help Sacramento women experiencing homelessness find employment. Photo

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SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) -

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"U.S. Bank is committed to powering the potential of our customers, our employees and our communities. Through our ongoing funding of critical programs like Women's Empowerment, we can help make progress in closing the gaps between people and possibility in the areas of housing and workforce development," said Pamela Maxwell, community affairs manager for Sacramento at U.S. Bank.

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