

# BOLINAS COMMUNITY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

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## URGENT COMMUNITY NOTICE

### **HEIGHTENED WATER CONSERVATION ALERT IN EFFECT!!! PLEASE REDUCE YOUR WATER CONSUMPTION IMMEDIATELY**

At its regular monthly meeting this week, the BCPUD Board of Directors updated the district's Water Conservation and Dry Year Water Use Reduction Program, reviewed current water consumption data and water supply indicators, and voted to trigger a community-wide heightened water conservation alert. Briefly stated, water consumption throughout the community has increased by an average of 20-30% since the Memorial Day weekend. This is not sustainable given the below-average rainfall received this year. **If the community does not reduce overall water use by 20-30% immediately, the district will have no choice but to impose mandatory rationing, perhaps as early as this Summer.** Please, help us avoid this by doing everything you can to reduce your water use NOW!

The BCPUD will issue additional information to the community in the upcoming days about the town's recent consumption trends and the status of our water supply. We have posted information on our website at [www.bcpud.org](http://www.bcpud.org) (on our home page and under the "Water Conservation" tab) and we will update that information frequently to keep you informed. Our staff will be reading all water meters in town on at least a monthly basis so that the district can carefully track where water consumption remains high and urge compliance with this conservation request. We will be reaching out to the highest water users in town to ask them in particular to reduce their water use as their consumption has a disproportionate impact on our supply. If you would like more information about your own water consumption, please contact our office by phone on weekdays between 10 am and 3 pm at (415) 868-1224.

We are confident that our community will heed this call and reduce consumption in order to ensure a reliable water supply for everyone until the rains resume. Given the timing of the increase in water use (i.e., beginning on the Memorial Day weekend), we strongly suspect most of the increased water use is due to outdoor watering. As such, please immediately reduce any outdoor watering and *shut off automatic irrigation systems* in favor of hand-watering. Please only run dishwashers and/or laundry machines when they are full, limit showers to 5 minutes or less, and anything else you can to reduce your consumption. Thank you very much! We are fortunate to serve a responsive community with a long history of water conservation as we all are well aware that we have a very limited water supply – from time to time, reminders like this are needed and we appreciate everything you will do to reduce your consumption.

Jennifer Blackman  
General Manager

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