

BOLINAS COMMUNITY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

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UPDATE ON URGENT WATER CONSERVATION NOTICE

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

Per our urgent alert to the community last Friday, June 19, 2020, the district is under a “heightened water conservation alert” and we are asking everyone to reduce their water consumption as much as possible. **To avoid the need to ration water, we need to achieve a *sustained* reduction of 20-30% in the town’s consumption.** Please read this update for additional information.

As we noted in our urgent alert last Friday, consumption throughout the district began to increase alarmingly in May. BCPUD staff therefore read all of the water meters in town at the beginning of June to determine each customer’s water consumption for the month of May and we will continue to read all water meters every month until the rains resume in order to carefully track exactly where water consumption remains high. Since our urgent alert was issued, posts have appeared on NextDoor suggesting that certain subgroups in town are largely (or even exclusively) responsible for the increase in consumption. *The facts are that two thirds of BCPUD customers used more water in the month of May 2020 than they did, on average, during each of the prior 12 months and 122 customers, or just over 20% of BCPUD customers, used more than 1000 cubic feet of water in May 2020, or more than 250 gallons per day.* For reference: average water consumption per customer (meaning per property) in the district historically is approximately 150 gallons per day.

All customers who currently are using more than 1000 cubic feet per month (or more than 250 gallons per day) will receive a letter from the BCPUD alerting them to their high water use and asking them in particular to reduce their water use as their consumption has a disproportionate impact on our supply. However, that does NOT mean that these are the ONLY customers who need to conserve. We are all in this together, so we all need to do our part. Please do what you can to reduce your water use; we have posted conservation tips and instructions as to how to read your water meter to track your water use on our website (www.bcpud.org). *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.*

Finally, we would like to thank everyone who has reported possible leaks on the BCPUD’s distribution system; please know that all such reports are investigated promptly and there are no significant leaks on our system at this time. If you suspect a possible leak on the BCPUD water system, *please call the office at (415) 868-1224 at any time of day or night* rather than posting your suspicion on NextDoor or other social media platforms, as we may not see your post. Thanks again!

Jennifer Blackman
General Manager

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