

News Release

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California State Regulations will Require Water Utilities to Comply with Water Budget

The Mammoth Community Water District is preparing for state regulations limiting water consumption to a maximum of 55 gallons per person per day by 2023.

Mammoth Lakes, California – January 14, 2020 – In 2018 Governor Jerry Brown signed Assembly Bill 1668 and Senate Bill 606 to set water efficiency standards for water utilities to follow in years to come. The new standards create a water budget utilities must meet that is based on the population of the area served. The bills require average indoor usage across the service area to be below 55 gallons per person per day by 2023, which declines to 50 gallons by 2030. If the utility is unable to meet the budget, fines could be imposed on the utility by the State. The Mammoth Community Water District (District) is proactively working to ensure compliance with these new laws, and all other state regulations.

“Our tourist based economy presents a unique task to determine a ‘population’ to comply with a per capita water use.” Reports Betty Hylton, Senior Analyst at the District. “District staff is currently contributing input to the State to provide insight on Mammoth’s fluctuating population. While State regulators work out details on how to enforce these regulations, the District remains dedicated to water conservation and recently expanded our early leak detection courtesy call program.”

“The District is committed to effectively managing and minimizing water waste” Line Maintenance Supervisor, Jerry Baker, reports. He went on to explain, “The District has proactively been replacing our 50+ year old steel water mains with ductile iron since 2000. Main line replacements maximize our distribution system’s efficiency, significantly reducing water loss. Reducing wasted water better prepares our District to comply with the water efficiency standards set by the State.”

This District is committed to providing reliable service while complying with all State regulations. Staff will remain engaged and prepare for water efficiency standards set by AB 1668 and SB 606. Customers can do their part by minimizing water waste and upgrading old fixtures and appliances with ones that meet new, high efficiency standards. The District supports our customers and water conservation by offering a generous rebate program and an advanced water usage customer portal. Stay up to date on available rebates by visiting our website <https://mcwd.dst.ca.us/rebates>. Customers can sign up for the customer portal to view usage and receive alerts at <https://mcwd.watersmart.com/index.php/welcome>

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MCWD provides water and wastewater utility service to the Town of Mammoth Lakes and surrounding areas. MCWD strives to provide reliable, affordable utility service to our customers and to conduct our operations in a manner reflecting our stewardship role. We encourage our customers to practice responsible use of our limited water resources, and to take advantage of the information and services available to support this goal.