



Statement from Nicole Sandkulla, Chief Executive Officer, Calling for a Voluntary 15 Percent Water Use Reduction Given Ongoing Drought Conditions

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On November 23, 2021, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) declared a water shortage emergency and a request for 10 percent system-wide reductions by its water customers compared to 2019-2020 water use levels.

Effective immediately, this system-wide reduction target translates to a 14 percent reduction request for the 26 water suppliers that purchase water on a wholesale basis from the San Francisco (Hetch Hetchy) Regional Water System (System) and deliver that water to 1.8 million residents and over 40,000 commercial, industrial, and institutional accounts in San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Alameda Counties. These 26 water suppliers are represented by BAWSCA.

SFPUC's action follows Governor Newsom's October 19, 2021 [Drought Proclamation](#), expanding the drought emergency to all 58 counties in California and calling on all Californians to voluntarily reduce their water use by 15 percent compared to 2020 levels.

Water customers are asked to use water wisely and take actions to reduce their water usage, such as fixing leaky toilets, installing low-flow fixtures, and reducing outdoor irrigation. The efficient management of outdoor water use is a particularly effective means to conserve water.

BAWSCA offers a wide range of programs, rebates, and water conservation tips to help water customers reduce outdoor and indoor water use including turf replacement incentives, water efficient landscaping classes, low-flow fixture replacement rebates, and much more.

Please visit www.BAWSCA.org/drought for more information regarding conservation programs, drought information, and water supply conditions.

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