



Statement from Nicole Sandkulla, Chief Executive Officer, about the Need for Water Customers to Use Water Wisely and Voluntarily Reduce Water Use Given Ongoing Drought Conditions

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BAWSCA and its member agencies are encouraging wise water use as summer begins, especially after a dry and warm winter season. Water customers are asked to use water wisely and to remain vigilant. The efficient management of outdoor water use is a particularly effective means to conserve water.

As of May 10, 2021, Governor Newsom expanded his [Drought Proclamation](#) to include Klamath River, Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Tulare Lake Watershed counties. There are now a total of 41 counties under a targeted State of Emergency due to drought. As California enters its second dry year and conditions within the state shift, more counties may be added to the proclamation.

BAWSCA represents the 26 water suppliers that purchase water on a wholesale basis from the San Francisco (Hetch Hetchy) Regional Water System (System) to meet the water supply needs of 1.8 million residents and over 40,000 businesses in Alameda, Santa Clara and San Mateo counties. The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC), which operates the Hetch Hetchy System is also asking all water customers to voluntarily reduce their water use.

Ways residents can reduce water use during the summer include routinely cutting irrigation time and reducing frequency of irrigation days, fixing leaks, and addressing irrigation problems like overspray.

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 for more information regarding conservation programs, drought information, and water supply conditions. Visit <https://sfpuc.org/learning/conserves-water> for more information regarding SFPUC's programs and resources.

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