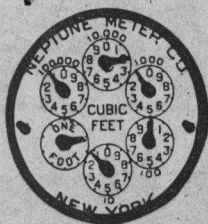


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SV Water District Continues To Win

The Scotts Valley County Water District is continuing to win its fight against depletion of its stored supplies, thanks to great cooperation from its customers.

The district on occasion last week came within 87,500 gallons of getting the maximum 1.5 million gallons into its storage tanks, hence things are considerably better here than a few weeks ago, when strict clamps were put on outside watering.

A district spokesman said Friday that quite noticeable effects come on the nights that handwatering is permitted outdoors: Tuesday's from 6 to 8 p.m. for odd-numbered houses, Fridays from 6 to 8 p.m. for even-numbered houses.

Last Tuesday the district began the day with only 178,000 gallons short of maximum storage. The next morning, after the outdoor watering Tuesday evening, the district was 300,000 gallons short of maximum storage.

Customers are urged to conserve, but things are a bit better thanks to the conservation.

FELTON

Foggy weather in Felton helped cut down water use in the San Lorenzo Valley town.

Jim McCloud, manager of Citizens Utilities Co., which serves the area, said that use last week dropped to 2,678,064 gallons.

"But it looks like a warm weekend is coming," Jim said, "so I hope customers will be careful."

SAN LORENZO VALLEY

The San Lorenzo Valley County Water District drew its water supplies from Loch Lomond last week, giving the district wells a rest.

The district is still doing fine with its rationing program, a spokesman said.

SANTA CRUZ

City of Santa Cruz water customers consumed 50.13 million gallons last week, according to Kathy Burris, the city's new water conservation coordinator.

"Our conservation goal was to keep maximum use to 73 million gallons or less," Kathy said. "Normal use at this time of year is 115 million gallons, so you can see the people are doing just great."

But please continue to conserve, Kathy and Morris Allen, Santa Cruz water director, urge.

CENTRAL WATER DISTRICT

Customers of the Central County Water District used 2,059,400 gallons last week, or 79,700 gallons more than the 1,979,700 gallons they used during the comparable week a year ago.

The district has more customers now, however, 560 compared to 527 last year.

According to George Silva, district manager, a bid is out for new wells, and these will be opened in two weeks.

SOQUEL WATER DISTRICT

Water use in Soquel County Water District was up also last week, according to Dick Case, with 24.9 million gallons consumed, compared with 24.7 million for the same week last year.

Case said the district is making "a lot of sales" of truckloads of water to people in the Summit area. This water is obtained from several points, but the district is trying to establish a central location where all truckloads will be pumped from a hydrant.