

R.R. Water
**No Water Problem
For The Weekend**
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The Labor Day weekend in central and northern Santa Cruz County should not be plagued by water shortages anywhere, according to water officials.

Despite the worst local drought in modern times, directors and managers of water districts and companies have been able to ease their customers through the summer with minimal restrictions in some cases and no restrictions in other cases.

Now, with the weather beginning to take cooler days and nights into gardens, homes and other areas where water demand can be high, there is less strain upon supplies just about everywhere locally.

However, it would be foolish for residents and visitors to waste water in any way until heavy rains this autumn end the drought of 1976, according to Clay Nelson, consumer services director for the City of Santa Cruz water system.

Under leadership of Morris Allen, the city's water director, huge cutbacks in water use have been effected by system customers, Nelson said.

"But conservation should still be practiced," Nelson added. "There is water for sensible use, and that should be emphasized."

The good news about the water situation came when the Sentinel made the last in its series of weekly surveys to keep area residents informed on the water supply. The series terminates today.

Final reports were obtained Friday as follows:

Santa Cruz - Clay Nelson reported abundant water provided no wastage occurs. And Morris Allen, the water director, plans to seek support from the city water commission Sept. 13 for a recommendation to the city council that all water use restrictions be ended.

FELTON - Shannon Belville for the Citizens Utilities Co. which serves this area said everything is "in good shape," insofar as supply is concerned.

Belville reported also that Jim McCloud, longtime manager and a member of the Zayante fire department is

"doing fine" after recent health problems..

SCOTTS VALLEY - Manager Jack Hinds said: "Our tanks are full. We are just about using the water We produce. The recent rain brought our wells up a little bit."

Restrictions are still in effect here, necessarily, until heavier rains come.

SAN LORENZO VALLEY - Partial rationing relief was ordered here a couple of weeks ago by the San Lorenzo Valley County Water District directors. Feeling was that conservation efforts pushed all summer, plus some unexpected rain, justified allowing sprinkling of gardens and lawns from couple of hours in the morning and from 6 to 9 p.m. daily.

SOQUEL CREEK WATER DISTRICT - Manager Bob Johnson said the system has plenty of water for all normal use.

CENTRAL COAST WATER DISTRICT - Manager George Silva's staff reported: "No problems."

City Issues 16 Building Permits

Santa Cruz City issued 16 building permits at a valuation of \$1.7 million between Aug. 25 and Aug. 30.

The lion's share went to San Lorenzo Park Apartments for apartments at 134 Dakota Ave. The valuation of that permit was \$1.5 million.

Other large permits went to Mike Failor for \$50,000 for a three-bedroom house on Kalkar Drive; L.R. Dobell for \$29,400 for a house on San Jose Avenue; George Meyer for \$50,000 for a house on Centennial St., and John L. Lewis for \$45,000 for a house on Highland Avenue.

Summer At Sea

Midshipman Bradley Rohrs, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rohrs of 134 Wesley St., Capitola, has participated in the Naval Academy's summer at sea program.