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### **PRESS RELEASE**

#### **EXPANDED STATEWIDE MANDATORY WATER RESTRICTIONS**

On March 17<sup>th</sup>, in response to the ongoing drought, the State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB) voted 5-0 in favor of extending the current mandated statewide water conservation measures, first adopted in 2014. In addition, the SWRCB added several new prohibited water uses.

The City of Healdsburg's Water Department customers did a tremendous job conserving water in 2014; residential per capita water use decreased 17%, from 120 gallons per day (gpd) in 2013 to 100 gpd in 2014. We have seen this level of conservation continue through the first two months of 2015. The City of Healdsburg mandates water conservation through our local ordinance but is additionally obligated to enforce the State's water conservation measures. In order to support these mandates, the City provides a number of water conservation incentives for the residents and businesses served by Healdsburg's Water Department. Throughout the coming months, the Water Department will add new incentives, services and educational programs to support additional water conservation. For more information, please visit our web page at [www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us/water](http://www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us/water).

#### **Statewide Prohibited Water Uses**

Under this week's action by the State, the existing and new prohibitions on potable water are in effect. All Californian's are now prohibited from:

- Washing down sidewalks and driveways;
- Watering outdoor landscapes in a manner that causes excess runoff;
- Washing a motor vehicle with a hose, unless the hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle;
- Operating a fountain or decorative water feature, unless the water is part of a recirculating system;
- Irrigating turf or ornamental landscapes during and 48 hours following measurable precipitation (new);
- Restaurants and other food service establishments can only serve water to customers on request (new); and
- Operators of hotels and motels must provide guests with the option of choosing not to have towels and linens laundered daily and prominently display notice of this option (new).