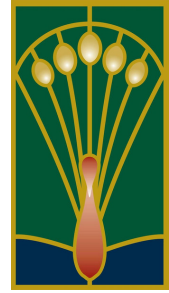


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# CITY OF ARCADIA

## Water Conservation Update

On April 7, 2017, the Governor ended the drought emergency in most of California through Executive Order B-40-17. However, Arcadia's local water supply is still recovering from the impact of the five-year drought. The Main San Gabriel Ground Water Basin, from which the City pumps most of its water, reached a historic low in water level just last October. Although we received above average rainfall this past winter, basin water levels only recovered slightly. Compounded by unpredictable climate change, the City must improve drought resiliency by protecting our local groundwater supplies.

The City and community will need to continue water conservation efforts to prepare for future droughts, as well as reach the 20% per capita reduction goal by 2020 (20x2020), called forth by Senate Bill X7-7. Arcadia residents have worked hard to conserve water indoors, however outdoor watering accounts for up to 70% of residential water use. Due to these factors, Arcadia will remain in Phase I Mandatory Water Conservation Prohibitions. The City's Water Conservation Plan is codified within the Arcadia Municipal Code.

Additionally, the State Department of Water Resources is working on permanent water use regulations to make water conservation a way of life in California, as directed by Executive Order B-37-16. It is anticipated that these regulations will be made public sometime in April 2018, and the City will update the Water Conservation Ordinance to reflect this change as they become finalized at the state level.