



Summer Newsletter



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Water Conservation Measures

With the low lake level customers are beginning to ask about water restrictions and conservation measures. While there may no longer be a State emergency regulation, the State, and Heritage Ranch CSD, still require some very basic conservation measures as the new normal that applies to all Californians:

-  Irrigating outdoors during and within 48 hours following measurable rainfall is prohibited;
-  Using potable water to wash sidewalks and driveways is prohibited;
-  Allowing runoff when irrigating with potable water is prohibited;
-  Using hoses with no shutoff nozzles to wash cars is prohibited;
-  Using potable water in decorative water features that do not recirculate the water is prohibited.

The 2017/18 winter rain season ended with Nacimiento Reservoir at a lower elevation than at the same time in 2017. As of April 1, the reservoir was at approximately 766 feet in elevation. The 2017/18 winter season provided a net increase of approximately 60,000 acre feet of water. This number should be viewed in the context that SLO County entitlement is 17,500 acre feet of water per year. Therefore, more water flowed into the reservoir than SLO County (or HRCSD) has the rights to use.

Stage II Water Use Reduction

Nacimiento Reservoir water elevation was approximately 736 ft., as of July 15th. Based on Monterey County's June reservoir release schedule, it is predicted that the water elevation will be 720 ft. by September 1st.

Section 5.900 of Chapter 5 of the District Code of Ordinances is known and cited as the Heritage Ranch Community Services District Emergency Water Shortage Regulations and Staged Water Use Reduction Plan (Code). The purpose and intent of this Code is to provide water shortage response procedures to minimize the effect of any existing or threatened water shortage conditions to customers. Conservation goals are based on historical average and staged conservation measures are triggered by reservoir elevation.

Water shortage conservation stages are summarized below:

- Stage I Elevation 730' – 720' Education / No mandatory conservation
- Stage II Elevation 720' – 700' Awareness / 15% mandatory conservation
- Stage III Elevation 700' – 680' Drought / 30% mandatory conservation
- Stage IV Elevation 680' – 670' Extreme Drought / 50% mandatory conservation



Prediction to reach Stage I trigger is early August. Prediction to reach Stage II is early September.

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The District has had six public meetings in which the reservoir status and potential drought conditions and water conservation measures were discussed. At their July 19, 2018 meeting, the Heritage Ranch CSD Board of Directors approved a resolution declaring drought conditions and implementing the Code (Stage II). The most important of these water conservation actions is a limit of three days per week of outside irrigation for homeowners and businesses.

The Stage II Water Restriction Schedule below is focused on a reduction in outside water use and does not implement water allocation per lot at this time. If this first attempt of demand reduction does not achieve the required 15% water savings, further actions may be taken by the Board of Directors.

Water Restriction Schedule

Beginning **September 1st** customers are required to limit landscape watering to three days per week according to the following schedule. Please locate your Tract below to find which days you are allowed outside watering. If you do not know your Tract, it is the first 4 digits of your HRCSD account number. (i.e. Account Number: **0000-00-0000**)



**ANY OUTSIDE WATER USE ON MONDAY
IS PROHIBITED FOR ALL CUSTOMERS!**

Tracts: 0446, 0447, 0475, 0693, 1063, 1094, 1910

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

Tracts: 0050, 0424, 0452, 0474, 0720, 0721, 0999, 1990

Wednesday, Friday, Sunday

**OUTSIDE WATER USE / IRRIGATION MAY ONLY
OCCUR BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8 PM AND 7 AM**

Board of Directors Election

The Heritage Ranch CSD will have four open seats on the Board of Directors for the November 6, 2018 election. The official nomination period for candidates to file declarations of candidacy will be July 16th through August 10th, 2018. For information on the upcoming nomination period for the Heritage Ranch CSD Board of Directors please visit our website at www.heritageranchcsd.com, click on the News and Information tab, then click on Election Information. This will direct you to the SLO County website for important dates and election information for filing.



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Complete job information and an application may be obtained at the Heritage Ranch CSD office, 4870 Heritage Road, Paso Robles, CA 93446, by calling (805) 227-6230, or at www.heritageranchcsd.com. Open until filled.