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Water Supply update

Conservation efforts still needed

The weather pattern this winter improved our State Water supply situation and will help our local groundwater basin which provides 50% of our water supply. Groundwater levels are still at near historical low levels due to very little natural recharge over the last five years. The U.S. Drought monitor lists Santa Barbara County in a moderate drought (D2) condition.

Northern California received an abundance of precipitation and snowpack. The latest State Water allocation is now at 85% for the coming year. However, we are facing physical challenges getting our State Water to your taps. Recent storm damage to critical State Water facilities as well as capacity issues with Lake Cachuma facilities, which all are out of our control, have left us at times with no State Water for periods of time this year. State, federal and local governmental agencies will have significant impacts on future State Water deliveries.

The effect of the drought will last several years, with groundwater basins taking 5 to 10 years to recharge under normal conditions. The La Cumbre Water Company is encouraging residents and businesses to continue to conserve water. We are still seeking a 30 percent conservation effort compared to your 2013 water usage.

The Board of Directors and Management would like to thank you for your continued support during this historic drought. The Water Company met the conservation requirement mandated by the State as last year our customers reduced their overall usage by 40% compared to 2013.

Sincerely,
For the Board of Directors



Jane Lodas
Board President