



Indian Valley Community Services District

“Providing services for our community health, well-being, and prosperity.”

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Greetings customers from the staff at IVCSD. As spring begins to bloom in the Indian Valley, we are preparing for projects and issues in 2016. We are happy for the storms that brought a nice amount of rain to our area, bringing us beautiful spring foliage and colors!

On January 22, 2016, we received a notice of violation from the State Water Board for our use of water last summer. I have provided a chart (*below*) showing the amounts of water that we used in Crescent Mills and Greenville during the State’s monitoring period. Since we did not save the mandated 25%, we were issued the violation. There is no penalty for this first violation, however subsequent violations could cost the District \$500 per day. Since the State has extended its emergency water conservation regulations and to help avoid future penalties, beginning March 1, 2016, we are instituting a **two-day a week watering schedule** for all IVCSD customers for ornamental plants and lawns. This will satisfy the requirement of the State (See other restrictions listed on our website www.indianvalleycsd.com). This means that if you have an address that is **even** numbered, you will be able to water on **Tuesdays and Saturdays**. If your address is **odd**, your watering days are **Wednesdays and Sundays**. This savings, along with our continuing efforts to repair leaks quickly, should get us back into compliance (see back for regulations)!



So how much is the IVCSD water compared to bottled water?

We charge \$2.47 per 748 gallons. If you only used 748 gallons for the month (1 unit), and had to pay the \$40.11 service charge, you pay 6 cents per gallon. Twenty-four 500 ml bottles of water equals 3.17 gallons and costs \$1.88. 748 gallons would cost \$443.61 or fifty-nine cents per gallon. That is a fifty-four cents per gallon difference in price! You would only be able to buy 72 gallons of bottled water for what we charge for 748 gallons. Your savings is 90%!



One of our focuses during the summer will be to complete the leak repairs in the Greenville system. We have applied with the Water Board for a planning grant to find all the leaks and prepare a plan to repair them, all through another grant that they will supply. This will be a follow-up to the Greenville Streetscape Project already in the works for this summer. We hope that by next year, our system will be in great working condition. Our staff is working hard to achieve this goal for our customers and to save our precious water supplies!

The District will begin working on a budget for 2016-2017 in March with a goal setting session. The Board will decide the issues and priorities for the upcoming year. A budget will be built around the goals that are set. If you have ideas or input, we would love to hear from you at the March 9th meeting!

Summary of Relevant State Imposed Water Restrictions

To prevent the waste and unreasonable use of water and to promote water conservation, each of the following actions is prohibited, except where necessary to address an immediate health and safety need or to comply with a term or condition in a permit issued by a state or federal agency:



- (1) The application of potable water to outdoor landscapes in a manner that causes runoff such that water flows on to adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, parking lots, or structures;
- (2) The use of a hose that dispenses potable water to wash a motor vehicle, except where the hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle or device attached to it that causes it to cease dispensing water immediately when not in use;
- (3) The application of potable water to driveways and sidewalks;
- (4) The use of potable water in a fountain or other decorative water feature, except where the water is part of a recirculating system;
- (5) The application of potable water to outdoor landscapes during and within 48 hours after measurable rainfall;
- (6) The serving of drinking water other than upon request in eating or drinking establishments, including but not limited to restaurants, hotels, cafes, cafeterias, bars, or other public places where food or drink are served and/or purchased;

(7) To promote water conservation, operators of hotels and motels shall provide guests with the option of choosing not to have towels and linens laundered daily. The hotel or motel shall prominently display notice of this option in each guest room using clear and easily understood language.

The taking of any action prohibited or the failure to take any action required is an infraction, punishable by a fine of up to five hundred dollars (\$500) for each day in which the violation occurs. The fine for the infraction is in addition to, and does not supersede or limit, any other remedies, civil or criminal.

Water Restrictions; March 1, 2016

The State of California, which is the owner of the water the District has the right to store and use for municipal purposes, has enacted water restrictions that apply to all water users statewide (See above). In addition, the State is requiring that the District reduce its water production by at least 25% compared to production in 2013 on a month by month basis beginning June 1, 2015, or restrict watering to two (2) days per week.

The District believed that it would be able to meet this 25% reduction requirement without imposing further restrictions. However, during the months of September, October and November 2015, District water users did not conserve and we received a notice of violation.

Beginning in March 2016, the District will mandate that users limit outdoor irrigation of ornamental landscapes or turf with potable water to no more than two days per week. This measure will cause us to come into compliance with the regulations of the State.