

# OILDALE MUTUAL WATER COMPANY

## NEWSLETTER

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### STATE MANDATE ENDS BUT DROUGHT STICKING AROUND

State water conservation numbers dipped slightly in June, following Gov. Brown’s call on May 18 to cease mandated statewide conservation. Water companies and agencies now have the freedom to set their own conservation targets based on the supply of water they have in reserve. Those with an adequate supply of water are able to set their conservation targets lower as they can cope with a prolonged drought.

These companies and agencies also must keep in mind the state’s previous mandate which requires a 20 percent reduction in water use by 2020. The Company is currently meeting this mandate, but just barely. It is important that everyone continues to consistently conserve water so that the Company will not have to increase the conservation restrictions in the future.

The call to end statewide conservation followed a winter with above average precipitation. At this time, 86.39 percent of California was considered to be in a moderate to exceptional drought. As of Aug. 16 that percentage fell slightly to 83.59. The state is still in dire need of rainfall and the drought isn’t going to end anytime soon, which means that water conservation still needs a place in-and-out of all homes.

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Water conservation comes in many forms, from only washing full loads of laundry and dishes, to not running the tap while shaving. In addition to saving water within the home, it’s vital to conserve water while landscaping. Taking into account that the average person uses up to 75 percent of their annual water allowance on landscaping, watering between 6 p.m. and 10 a.m. and not watering to the point of runoff is extremely important.

The new Lennar housing development north of 7th Std. Road, Gossamer Grove, took the latest in water conservation landscape and appliances into account when creating their

homes. One of these features includes the dual pipe system that the homes use. The system saves homeowners money by utilizing non-potable groundwater for landscaping purposes, while supplying potable/drinking water for all water faucets inside and outside the homes.

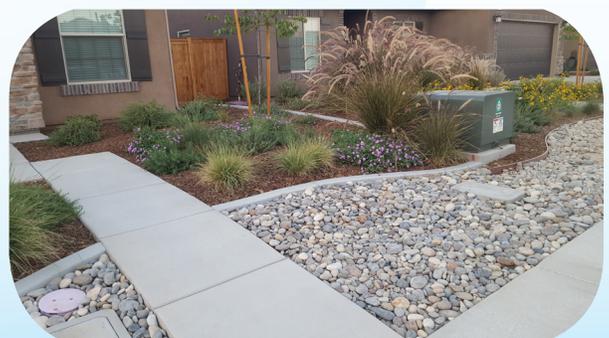
In June, the first month of water companies and agencies setting their own conservation standards, the state conserved

21.5 percent in comparison to the June 2013 benchmark; this number was significantly lower than the 27.3 percent that was saved in June 2015 compared to June 2013. While it is encouraging that the state still conserved a considerable amount of water without a mandate, the savings may continue to shrink as individuals fall back into old habits. This proves a tricky situation for agencies and

companies who still have to report to the state on their own targets and who are still susceptible to fines. When it comes down to it, we’re all Californians and we’re in this together!

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*-Doug Nunneley, General Manager of Oildale Mutual Water Company*



*Lennar’s Gossamer Grove uses water conserving landscape on all new homes*

# Benefits a Plenty After OMWC and NORMWD Collaborations

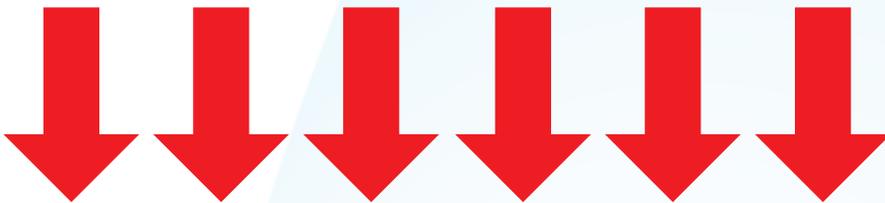
Oildale Mutual Water Company (“OMWC”) has served as the area’s retail water provider since 1919 and will continue to do so for many years to come. In 2014 the Company integrated with North of the River Municipal Water District (“NORMWD”) to cut down on questionable charges and overlapping services.

The integration resulted in NORMWD returning to wholesale service only and Oildale Mutual becoming the only retail supplier in the area. The merger ensures rate stability for the future of all customers due to the efficiencies developed and the decreased duplication of staff and supporting expenses. This resulted in more stable financial reserves and lower water rates for NORMWD customers as they are shifted to Oildale Mutual’s rate structure.



“We are proud of our employees, our shareholders who supported this integration and the Boards of the two organizations who worked tirelessly to make it happen,” said Doug Nunneley, who serves as General Manager for both entities, returning to the efficient way in which the water providers were jointly managed in the 1970s.

The integration has proven a great success as both companies have increased their financial stability. Oildale Mutual is proud to continue the Company’s record of delivering a safe, reliable water supply to the community at the lowest rates possible for nearly 100 years. Here’s to another 100 years!



**There is an overall **decrease** in expenses of over \$1 million dollars per fiscal year**

**Overhead, operations & maintenance and employee costs are **lower** under Oildale Mutual’s management**

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## Annual Shareholders Meeting

All shareholders/customers of the Company will receive a financial statement and proxy card for the annual shareholders meeting. The meeting is coming up in early October and we encourage you to send the proxy card back, as it will help re-elect the current board of directors.

The Company needs to have a minimum of 20



percent of all shares represented (in person or by proxy) at the meeting to have a quorum. Failure to have a quorum will postpone the meeting (which is required by the state) until a quorum is obtained. If you misplaced your card, you can stop by the office and sign one.

# WHY SHOULD YOU CARE ABOUT WATER CONSERVATION?

*Saving Water, Saving Jobs*



In normal years 75% of California's usable water falls as rain and snow in Northern California.

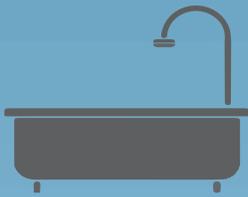
Kern County is located in a desert region receiving on average less than

**6 INCHES**  
*of rain per year.*

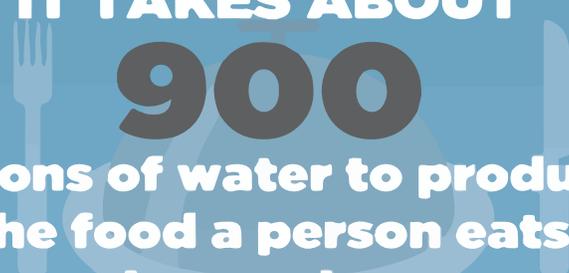


80% of California's water demand is in the southern two-thirds of the state.

## Water Use



**50** gallons  
of water to fill a  
bath tub



IT TAKES ABOUT  
**900**  
gallons of water to produce  
the food a person eats  
in one day.

**40,000** gallons  
of water to make  
1 new car



KERN COUNTY'S  
CONSUMPTIVE WATER USE



**2.8 MILLION**  
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