

Mendocino County

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Regional Water Use Reductions Required; Lake Mendocino at Critical Levels

Ukiah--The Russian River Flood Control & Water Conservation Improvement District and other local water suppliers in the Ukiah Valley Basin will consider passing mandated water use reductions due to two years of significantly below average rainfall in the area and historically low levels at Lake Mendocino. The potential actions by the water suppliers follow a Drought Declaration from the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors on April 20th and Governor Gavin Newsom's Drought Emergency Declaration for the Russian River watershed on April 21st. The Governor's declaration includes directives to bring drought assistance funding to the Mendocino and Sonoma County areas.

"The time is now to implement extreme water conservation measures at home and work to reduce the demand on the critically low reservoir," said Elizabeth Salomone, General Manager of Russian River Flood Control. "The coming months will become increasingly difficult for many communities as the drought continues to worsen. Coordinated responses are being developed among local, regional, state, and federal leaders to secure supply for public health and safety and, if possible, keep vines and orchards alive for future year production."

This year, ***every drop counts, so please conserve now!*** Be sure to turn off your faucet when brushing teeth, take 5-minute showers, fix leaks, and consider letting your lawn go brown. For water conservation tips, please visit www.savingwaterpartnership.org, www.saveourwater.com, and mccrd.org/resources/drought-water-conservation-resources. For regular updates on the 2021 Drought Preparedness campaign, please contact DistrictManager@RRFC.net, Deborah.Edelman@mccrd.org or Joe.Scriven@mccrd.org. Emails go out weekly and contain water saving tips and current water supply updates. For more information on the Governors Regional Drought Declaration please visit this [link](#).

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