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Public Works News Release

Bishop Water Use Down 7 % in September

City of Bishop water use in September 2014 was 7% lower than use in September of 2013. This shows water users in Bishop are conserving some water but not the 20% savings called for by the state. This 7% reduction in September is in line with the 7% overall reduction in water use so far in 2014 compared to the same period in 2013 but follows better water conservation by Bishop water customers during August.

Last month the Bishop City Council instituted state-required water conservation measures in response to the drought. Although the measures so far are not achieving the 20% reduction required by the state, they are helping Bishop water customers to reduce water use. These water conservation measures include no outside watering during the day between 9 and 5, only washing cars with automatic hose shut off nozzles, and no water being allowed to run off property. The City of Bishop offers a water conservation incentive program to its water customers in support of these conservation measures.

Since the large majority of water is used for outdoor irrigation, water customers with large irrigated areas such as large lawns or fields can do the most to save water. The state can fine the city up to \$10,000 per day if water conservation targets are not met. In addition, the state says individual customers can be fined up to \$500 per day if found wasting water, although it is unlikely the city would impose these fines on its customers.

Saving water saves money, reduces water rates, protects groundwater, is the right thing to do, and is now required by the state. Contact the City of Bishop Department of Public Works at 873-8458 for more information on water conservation and the City's water system.