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Public Works News Release

Cool and Wet Weather in May Helped Reduce Bishop Water Use

Helped along by cool wet weather in May, City of Bishop water customers used 31% less water in May 2015 compared to May 2013. Because of the drought, the state requires water users to use 25% less potable water in 2015 compared to 2013.

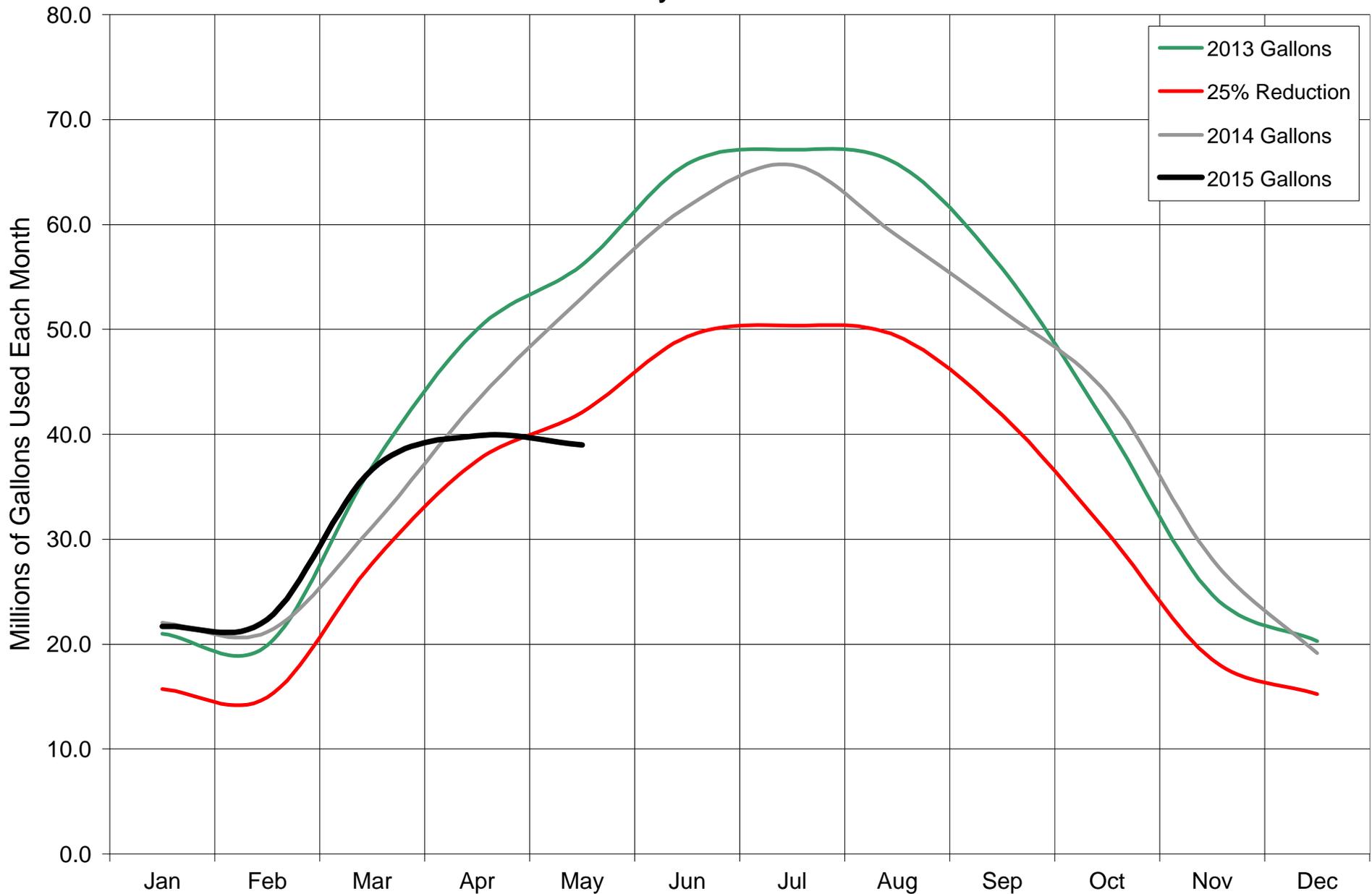
The attached graphs show water use in 2013, 2014, and so far in 2015. One graph shows water use by month in the city and the other graph shows total water use in the city for the year. The graphs show the reduction in water use that started in April continued in May, helped along by an unusually cool and wet weather. The graphs also show that, although city water customers saved water in April and May, total water use so far in 2015 is down only 13% compared to 2013. Updates of these graphs will be released monthly.

The State of California required that the City of Bishop implement water conservation measures to achieve the state-required reduction in water use. The water conservation measures in place in the City of Bishop can be found at <http://www.ca-bishop.us/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/20150414WaterConservationMeasures.pdf> In December, the city will have to report to the state how well its users have conserved water. The city could be subject to \$10,000 per day fines if it doesn't meet the 25% reduction in water use.

The city has an incentive program to help its water customers save water. The program provides free hose nozzles, hose timers, and irrigation system timers and provides rebates for some sprinkler systems and water conserving appliances. The incentives are available only to water customers of the City of Bishop and are limited to one per customer account.

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.

Water Conservation in the City of Bishop By Month



Water Conservation in the City of Bishop Cumulative

