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Public Works News Release

October Water Conservation for Bishop

City of Bishop water customers used 14.9% less water in October 2015 than they used in 2013. Although this use in 2015 is about 6 million gallons less than used in the same month in 2013, it falls almost 4 million gallons short of the 25% reduction required by the state due to the drought.

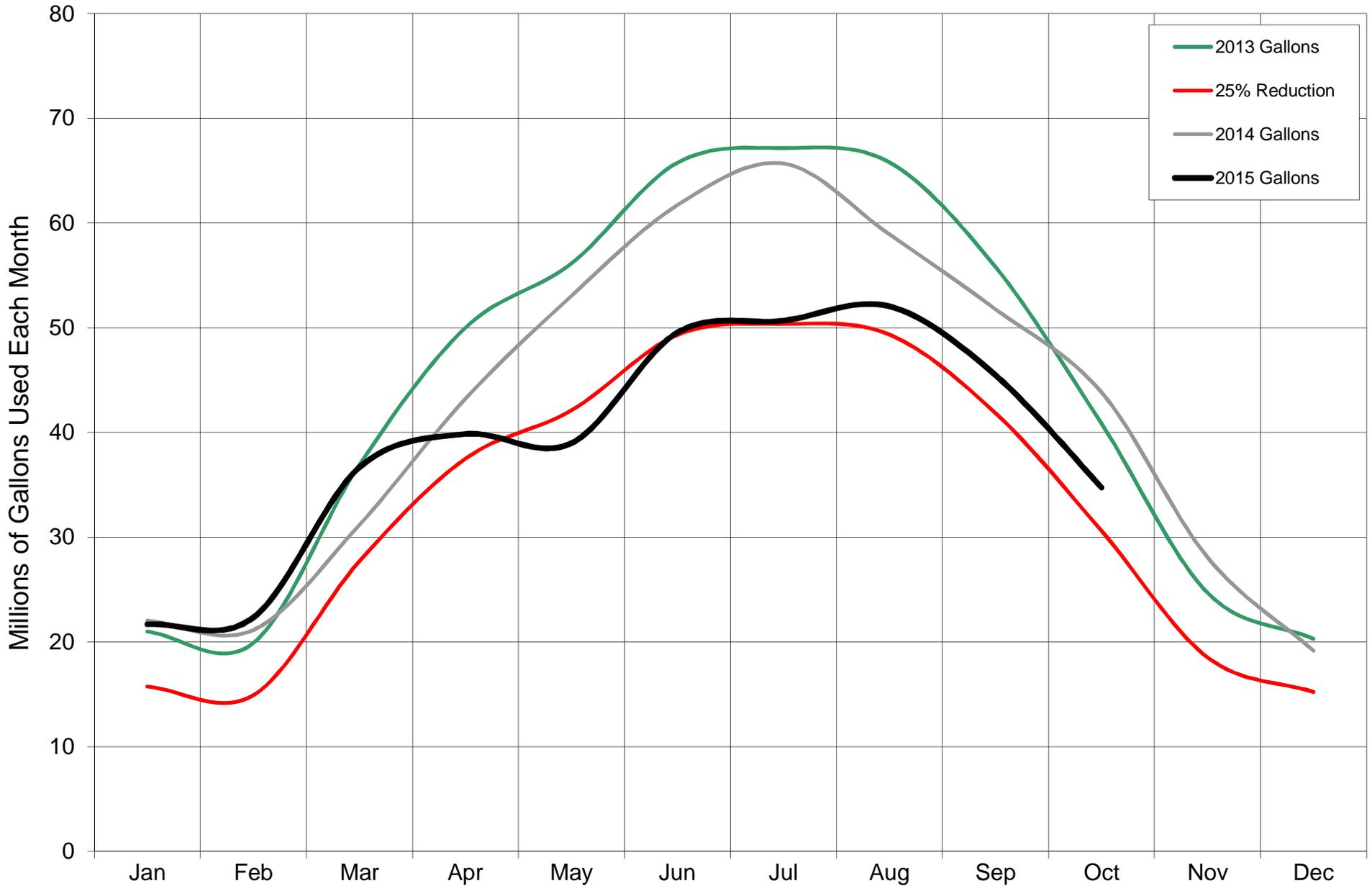
The attached graphs show water use in 2013, 2014, and so far in 2015. One graph shows water use by month in the city and the other graph shows total water use in the city for the year. The graphs show that water use in Bishop in 2015 is significantly less than it was in 2013 and 2014, but not enough less to meet state requirements. Updated graphs are released monthly.

The State of California required that the City of Bishop implement water conservation measures to achieve the state-required 25% reduction in water use. The water conservation measures in place in the City of Bishop can be found at <http://www.cityofbishop.com/wp-content/uploads/20150414WaterConservationMeasures.pdf>. Note that, for safety reasons, the conservation measure that requires irrigation only at night has been relaxed through the cold winter months ahead.

In December, Bishop will have to report to the state how well its users have conserved water. Agencies such as Bishop that don't meet the required 25% reduction could be subject to \$10,000 per day fines. It is not yet clear if the City of Bishop will have to pay a fine and, if it does, how much that fine may be.

Saving water saves money, reduces water rates, protects groundwater, is the right thing to do, and is 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

