Ten Drought Busters

1. Water your lawn only when it needs it. Step on your grass. If it springs back when you lift your foot, it doesn't need water. Adjust your sprinklers to water less frequently. And best of all, convert your lawn to native plants.

2. Repairing leaky faucets and plumbing joints saves up to 600 gallons per month for every leak stopped.

3. Don't run the hose while washing your car. Use a bucket of water and a quick hose rinse at the end. Saves 150 gallons each time. For a two-car family that's up to 1,200 gallons a month.

4. Install water-saving shower heads or flow restrictors. Saves 500 to 800 gallons per month.

5. Run only full loads in the washing machine and dishwasher. Saves 300 to 800 gallons per month.

6. Shorten your showers. Even a one or two minute reduction can save up to 700 gallons per month.

7. Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks. Saves 150 gallons or more each time. At once a week, that's more than 600 gallons a month.

8. Don't use your toilet as an ashtray or wastebasket. Saves 400 to 600 gallons per month.

9. Capture tap water. While you wait for hot water to come down the pipes, catch the flow in a watering can to use later on house plants or your garden.
Saves 200 to 300 gallons per month.

10. Don't water the sidewalks, driveway, or gutter. Adjust your sprinklers so that water lands on your lawn or garden where it belongs--and only there.
Saves 500 gallons per month

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EAST NILES COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

DROUGHT

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

Governor Brown Declares Drought Emergency

Gov. says: "state is facing possibly the worst drought it has ever seen since record keeping began almost 100 years ago "

January 17, 2014

East Niles C.S.D., like the rest of California is dealing with the worst drought in 100 years. Lack of sufficient rain and snow fall in the last few years means California's reservoirs are at their lowest levels in years. Deliveries from the State Water Project have been cut from 5 % to zero since the first of 2014. Kern River water may not be available to local water districts for the duration of the year.

The Kern County Water Agency will be treating groundwater from the waterbank to supplement supplies.

Over the last few years East Niles has been constructing new and replacing older storage facilities. East Niles has also been increasing the storage and pumping capacity of our well field transfer and blending facilities in order to continue our mission of serving our community a reliable, clean and safe water supply.

The Effects of Drought at Shasta Lake

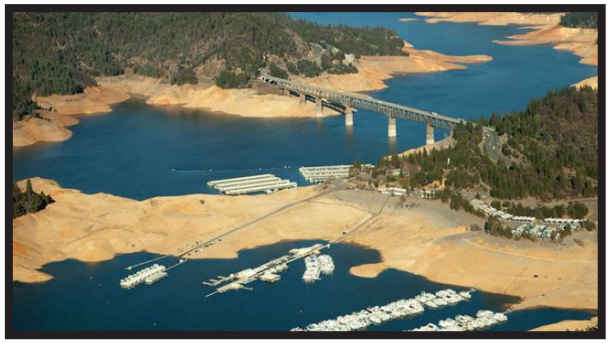

Photo Credit : California Department of Water Resources

Shasta Lake water levels have fallen over 100 feet

Shasta Lake is located in north-central California.

From the General Manager's Desk

General Manager Timothy Ruiz urges consumers of the District to conserve water. The year 2014 has begun with Gov. Brown asking for everyone to cut water use by 20 percent. Because of wet year water banking by the Kern County Water Agency and an adequate groundwater supply of our own, East Niles C.S.D. is poised to provide water with minimal impact to our customers.

Please be Water Wise and do your part to save 20%.

East Niles Well 18 Rehabilitation Project

East Niles has begun the rehabilitation of the District's well 18 to help off-set the effects of the continuing drought.

Infrastructure Projects Continue in 2014.

A transmission line is being installed connecting the Freeway Tank site and our surface water sources through the new Highway 178 overpass at Morning Drive.

The new pump station at the District's Freeway site is undergoing testing and final completion is expected by the end of March 2014.

New Freeway Site Pump Station

East Niles Community Services District holds a regularly scheduled board meeting on the 3rd and 4th Monday of every month at the District office, located at 1417 Vale Street. You are encouraged to attend.

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