

# Mandatory Water Rationing ?

## **Every Effort Must Be Made Now to Conserve Water and Eliminate Waste**

If water conservation practices are not immediately implemented then water rationing may be mandatory in the future. We had a very unusual winter this year, leading consumers to believe that the drought is over, but please be assured that it is not. While December and January were very wet months, February and March were record dry months, and in May we experienced unusually heavy rain, but it provided little benefit to the water supply.

With the ground water supply approaching an all-time record low, and with no relief in sight, immediate action is necessary. There are several issues that are creating the shortage and they are the Long-term and Widespread Drought, Endangered Species in the Delta and Federal Court Rulings curtailing water deliveries. For all these reasons, water will be in short supply in the foreseeable future.

### **Since over 70% of water is used outdoors here are a few ideas you can use to help conserve:**

- Only water during the early morning hours, before sunrise, otherwise most of the water evaporates before it gets to the plants. (too many people water in the middle of hot, windy, days which wastes water)
- When it is cool or damp, shut-off or reduce the run-time on sprinklers
- Give your sprinklers at least one day off a week. (for this time of the year, three times a week of watering is plenty)
- Do not hose-off your driveway or sidewalk
- Look for leaks around your home and repair any broken sprinklers or leaking valves

In order to get through this dry period, the next several years will take everyone's full cooperation. If you have questions about how you can do your part to conserve water, or wish to obtain more details on these issues, please do not hesitate to call the office or visit [www.bewaterwise.com](http://www.bewaterwise.com).

We thank you in advance for your efforts to save water and help eliminate water waste.