

# **IRWD's State Mandated Reduction**

#### Southern California Water Dialogue

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## **Presentation Overview**

- IRWD's Mandated Reduction Target
- Challenges Faced
  - Significant Growth
  - Extensive Recycled Water Distribution System
- Investments in Reliability
  - Extraordinary Supply
  - Indirect Potable Reuse
- June 2015 Reporting
- How IRWD Will Meet its Goal

## **IRWD's Mandated Reduction**

- 16 % reduction in potable production from 2013 baseline
- Based on average residential GPCD of 91 for July – September 2014
- Total reduction required = 7,565 acre-feet
- Assumes summer provides greatest opportunity to achieve savings from outdoor <u>potable</u> use
- Assumes the non-residential sector has similar or greater outdoor potable savings opportunities as residential sector

## **Challenges Faced**

- Significant Growth
  - 7% Growth Rate; one of most rapidly growing areas
  - Key to maintaining strong economy
  - No adjustment for growth in potable production
- Extensive Recycled Water Distribution System
  - Majority of non-residential and multi-family outdoor use served by recycled water

(Only 3 medians in Irvine served by potable irrigation)

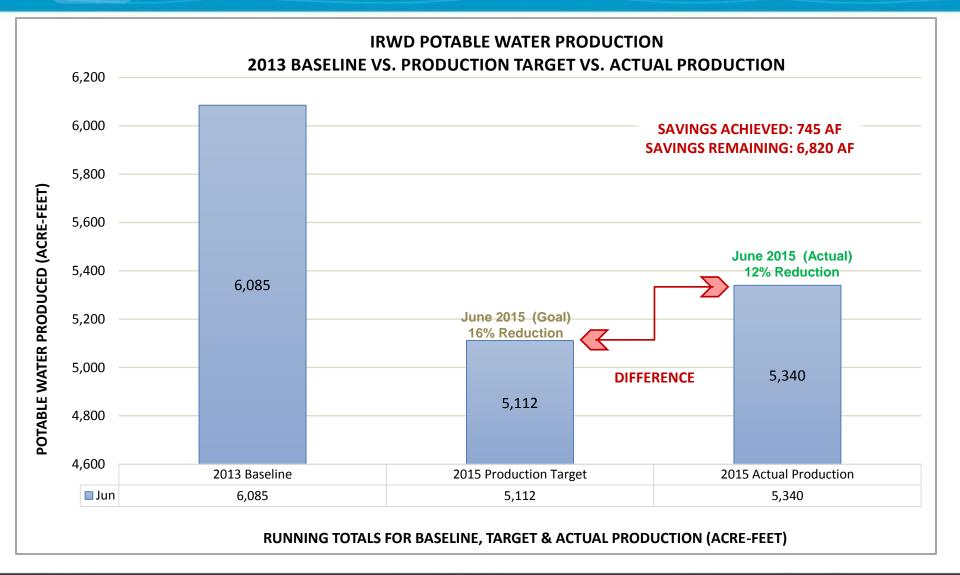
 Limited opportunity for IRWD to achieve savings reduction from discretionary potable outdoor use

## Investments in Reliability – No Credits Given

- Extraordinary Supply
  - IRWD's water banking program
  - Water is stored to provide additional reliability in drought or system disruption
- Indirect Potable Reuse
  - Orange County made significant investments in the Ground Water Replenishment System (GWRS)
  - June 2015 GWRS supplied 34% of local groundwater production countywide
    - GWRS provided 21% of IRWD's potable production

## June 2015 - Potable Water Production

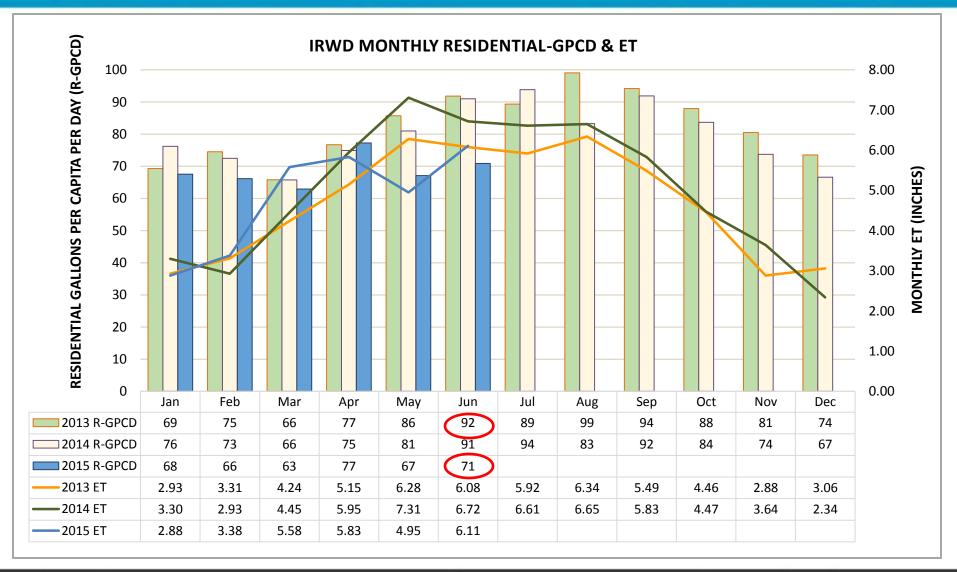
No adjustment made to account for IRWD's 7% growth from June 2013 to June 2015. With adjustment, savings for June reduction in potable production would be 18%.



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## **Residential Gallons Per Capita per Day and ET**

22% reduction in residential per capita comparing June 2013 with June 2015.



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## How IRWD Will Meet its Target

## Rate Changes:

- Reduced outdoor allocations for potable water by 30%
- Based on drought tolerant plants and drip (ET Adjustment factor reduced: 0.9 to 0.6)
- Potential second step rate increase in October 2015
- Stage 2 Drought
  Declaration



## How IRWD Will Meet its Target

## Key Conservation Initiatives:

- "Brown is the New Green"
- Reduce Outdoor Watering by 50%
- Drought Response Center
- Increased Conservation Incentives
- Targeted efficiency program to commercial customers





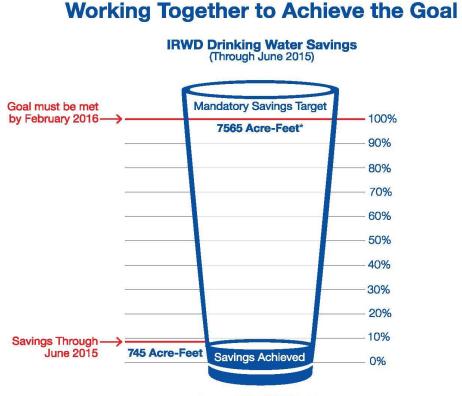
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## District-wide Initiatives:

- Drought team
- Operational changes
- Expansion of recycled water uses
- Targeted coordination with largest users (e.g., cities and key customers)



#### Meeting the Goal



\*One acre-foot = 325,851 gallons

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