# AS THE RAINS COME DOWN, CAN WATER CONSERVATION REMAIN A WAY OF LIFE?

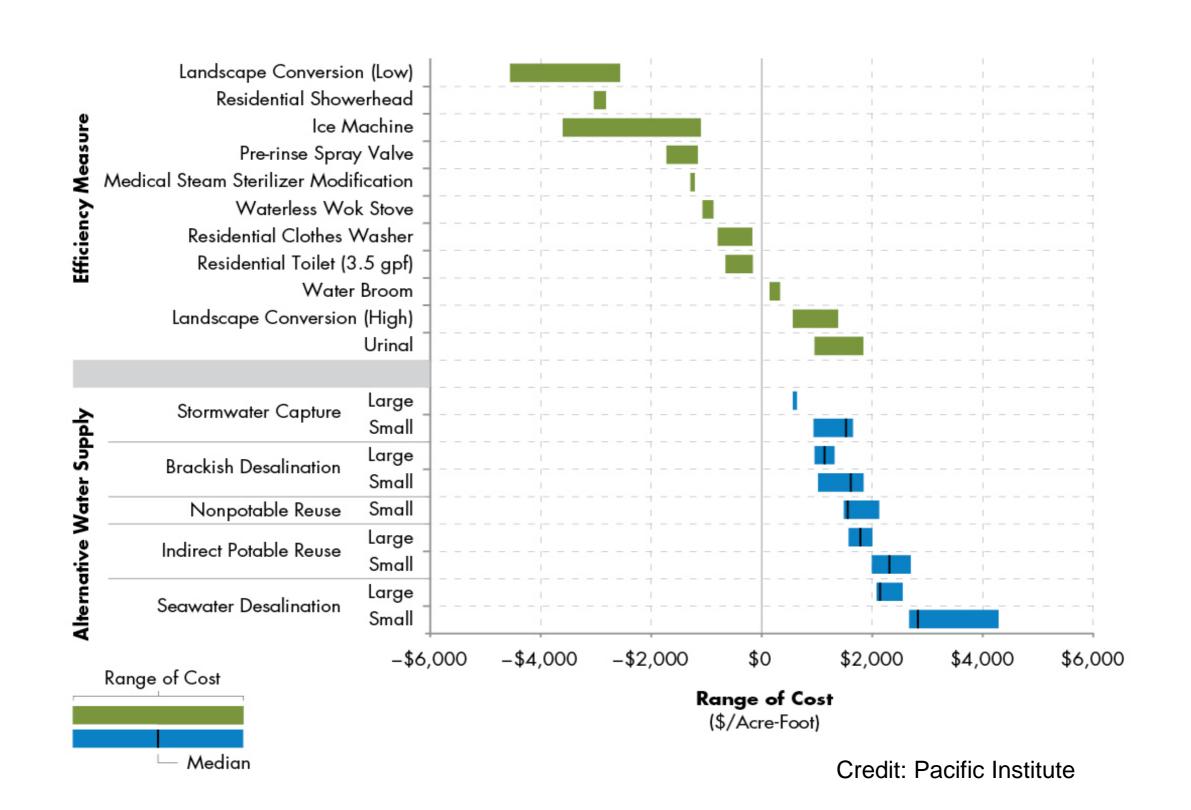


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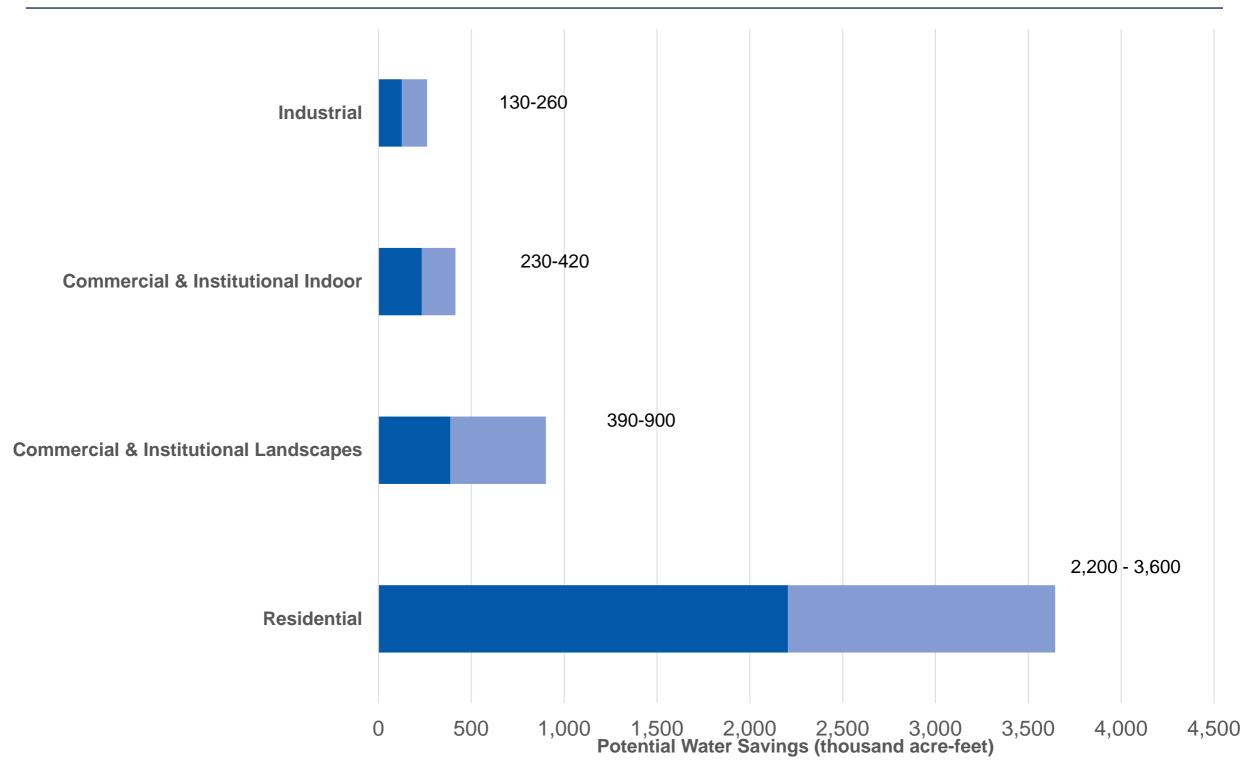
# It's Raining...A Lot! Why Do We Still Need to Conserve?

- Conservation as Supply = Cheapest, Fastest,
   Least Environmental Impact
- 2. Saving Water --> Saves &
- 3. Maximizes the Value of Investments
- 5. Avoid Future Emergencies

## **Alternative Supply Costs / Benefits**



## And Because of Enormous Conservation Potential



Credit: Pacific Institute

# Governor Brown's May 2016 Executive Order

### Executive Department State of California

#### EXECUTIVE O MAKING WATER CONSERVATION

WHEREAS California has suffered the threatened the water supplies of communitie production in many areas, and harmed fish, and

WHEREAS Californians responded to unprecedented levels, reducing water use in 2015 and March 2016 and saving enough with Californians with water for one year; and

WHEREAS severe drought condition recent winter precipitation, with limited drink diminished water for agricultural production depleted groundwater basins; and

WHEREAS drought conditions may p and beyond, as warmer winter temperature supply held in mountain snowpack and resu

WHEREAS these ongoing drought o California to move beyond temporary emerg permanent changes to use water more wise persistent periods of limited water supply; a

WHEREAS increasing long-term wal improving water use efficiency within the sta production, and strengthening local and reg California's resilience to drought and climate

WHEREAS these activities are priori which calls for concrete, measurable action of Life' and "Manage and Prepare for Dry P our state. NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDM California, in accordance with the au statutes of the State of California, in 8567 and 8571, do hereby issue this

#### IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

The orders and provisions of Proclamation, my April 25, 2014 Em B-28-14, B-29-15, and B-36-15 rem herein.

State agencies shall update t transition to permanent, long-term in actions.

#### USE WATER MORE WISELY

- The State Water Resources ( practicable, adjust emergence January 2017 in recognition of state. To prepare for the post also develop, by January 201 potable urban water usage the for in Executive Order B-29-1
- The Department of Water Re Board to develop new water of urban water agencies. These state law requirements that the usage by 2020. (Senate Bill These water use targets shall water agency, shall generate requirements, and shall be be
  - a. Indoor residential p
  - b. Outdoor irrigation, climate, and new s
  - c. Commercial, indus
  - d. Water lost through

The Department and Water E governments, environmental use targets and shall publicly 2017.  The Department and the Water Boar suppliers to issue a monthly report of achieved, and any enforcement effor

#### ELIMINATE WATER WASTE

- The Water Board shall permanently such as:
  - Hosing off sidewalks, drivewar
  - Washing automobiles with hose
     Using non-recirculated water in
  - feature;

    Watering lawns in a manner th
  - vvatering lawns in a manner to measurable precipitation; and
  - Irrigating ornamental turf on p
- The Water Board and the Departmer system leaks that waste large amour projects to address health and safety State Revolving Fund to prioritize loc water system losses.
- The Water Board and the Departmen suppliers to accelerate their data coll and prioritize capital projects to reduce Utilities Commission shall order investor to minimize leaks.
- The California Energy Commission s and water loss detection and control efficiency.

#### STRENGTHEN LOCAL DROUGHT RESIL

- The Department shall strengthen req Contingency Plans, which urban wat updated requirements shall include a lasting at least five years, as well as drought. While remaining customize requirements shall also create common can be quickly utilized during this and
- The Department shall consult with ur environmental groups, and other part Shortage Contingency Plans. The up released by January 10, 2017.

 For areas not covered by a Water Shortage Contingency Plan, the Department shall work with counties to facilitate improved drought planning for small water suppliers and rural communities.

#### IMPROVE AGRICULTURAL WATER USE EFFICIENCY AND DROUGHT PLANNING

- 11. The Department shall work with the California Department of Food and Agriculture to update existing requirements for Agricultural Water Management Plans to ensure that these plans identify and quantify measures to increase water efficiency in their service area and to adequately plan for periods of limited water supply.
- The Department shall permanently require the completion of Agricultural Water Management Plans by water suppliers with over 10,000 irrigated acres of land.
- 13. The Department, together with the California Department of Food and Agriculture, shall consult with agricultural water suppliers, local governments, agricultural producers, environmental groups, and other partners to update requirements for Agricultural Water Management Plans. The updated draft requirements shall be publicly released by January 10, 2017.

The Department, Water Board and California Public Utilities Commission shall develop methods to ensure compliance with the provisions of this Executive Order, including technical and financial assistance, agency oversight, and, if necessary, enforcement action by the Water Board to address non-compliant water suppliers.

This Executive Order is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

I FURTHER DIRECT that as soon as hereafter possible, this order be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this order.

> IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 9th day of May 2016.

EDMUND G. BROWN JR. Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA Secretary of State

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- 1. Use Water More Wisely → New Water Use Targets
- 2. Eliminate Water Waste → Prohibit Wasteful Practices
  - & Address Water Loss
- 3. Strengthen Local Drought → Improve Water ShortageResilience Contingency Plans
- Improve Agricultural Water → Improve Agricultural Water
   Use Efficiency and Drought Plans
  - Planning

## Long Term Conservation – Not a New Concept

## Senate Bill No. 7

## CHAPTER 4

An act to amend and repeal Section 10631.5 of, to add Part 2.55 (commencing with Section 10608) to Division 6 of, and to repeal and add Part 2.8 (commencing with Section 10800) of Division 6 of, the Water Code, relating to water.

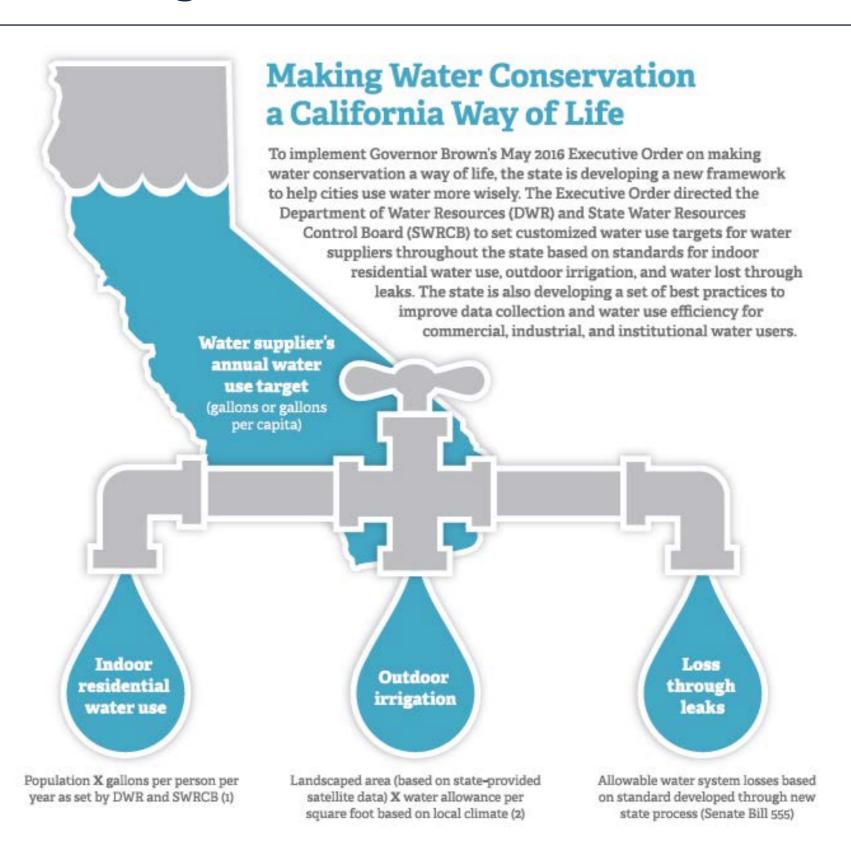
[Approved by Governor November 10, 2009. Filed with Secretary of State November 10, 2009.]

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

- SB 7, Steinberg. Water conservation.
- (1) Existing law requires the Department of Water Resources to convene an independent technical panel to provide information to the department and the Legislature on new demand management measures, technologies, and approaches. "Demand management measures" means those water conservation measures, programs, and incentives that prevent the waste of water and promote the reasonable and efficient use and reuse of available supplies.

This bill would require the state to achieve a 20% reduction in urban per capita water use in California by December 31, 2020. The state would be required to make incremental progress towards this goal by reducing per capita water use by at least 10% on or before December 31, 2015. The bill would require each urban retail water supplier to develop urban water use targets and an interim urban water use target, in accordance with specified

## **Customized Targets**



## Questions?

## THANK YOU

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