



Conservation Violation Penalties Will Not Be Implemented at This Time

Great news! On May 18, 2016, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) adopted a statewide conservation approach that replaces the percentage reduction-based conservation standard. The SWRCB will be allowing the District to determine its necessary water conservation amount rather than continuing to impose a mandated percentage. The District is working to determine a conservation rate that reflects the real conservation needs of the District, expected to be significantly less than the 24% mandated by the state. The Board will be reviewing the penalty structure associated with Stage II Conservation Measures and determining how to proceed in light of the revised conservation order.

At this time, the District has decided not to implement the conservation violation penalties which went into effect May 1, 2016, and would have been on the June 1, 2016, bills. However, the District is still under a conservation order and must conserve. It is important that all customers continue their conservation efforts, even in the absence of penalties. If the SWRCB concludes this new method for determining conservation rates is not effective, they could re-impose the mandated percentage reduction.

For more information regarding this topic, visit: <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov>
or the District's website at: <http://www.pphcsd.org/conservation.html>

