

**IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT
APRIL 2015 NEWSLETTER**

IWD Mission Statement: To provide reliable water & sewer service in a safe, cost effective & environmentally sound manner in accordance with the community needs

THANK YOU

Average water usage is considerably lower in our District than for most of California. IWD customers and patrons understand and actively participate in perpetuating our ongoing conservation efforts.

Governor Brown has directed the first ever statewide mandatory water reductions. He has mandated substantial water reductions across our state. This year California has had the lowest snowpack EVER recorded and no end to the drought is in sight. The Governor has directed the State Water Resources Control Board to implement mandatory water reductions in cities and towns across California to reduce water usage by 25%. The Idyllwild Water District has been managing their water resources to ensure that Idyllwild survives this drought. We are currently rehabilitating several wells and the IWD horizontal lines. IWD is focused on preserving and maintaining our precious resource. After long and deliberate consideration, the Idyllwild Water District called a Stage One Water Shortage Emergency in November 2012. As things became more severe, IWD called for a Stage Two Water Shortage Emergency in September 2013. Foster Lake, which supplies several of our wells and is used for fire-fighting when necessary, has been completely dry since June 2013. We also have not been able to divert water from Strawberry Creek since June 2013. It is appearing unlikely that we will be able to avoid declaring a Stage 3 Emergency much longer. Since IWD relies solely on rainfall and snowpack for our water, most customers are aware that they need to conserve where possible. Many of our customers took advantage when IWD gave \$400 rebates for water saving front loading washing machines and \$200 rebates for low flow toilets.



FOSTER LAKE---DRY SINCE JUNE 2013

The IWD Board and staff have been attending meetings regarding attaining funding for additional water development projects to ensure sustainability into the future. At this time, the prospect looks promising. We are also aggressively pursuing grant funding to rehabilitate many of our older, less productive wells to improve the well's performance in the future and attaining funding for a recycled water project. Some residents during the last drought bought "green" storage tanks for landscape irrigation using non-potable water. The planned recycled water project would provide a source for that irrigation water using water already on the hill!

We urge our customers to conserve water. Find out how at SaveOurWater.com. For more information on California's critical situation, please visit: <http://www.feelguide.com/2015/03/22/r-i-p-california-1850-2016-what-we'll-lose-and-learn-from-the-worlds-first-major-water-collapse/>

The next IWD Board meeting will be held on April 15, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Idyllwild Water District Boardroom. We would welcome your attendance.