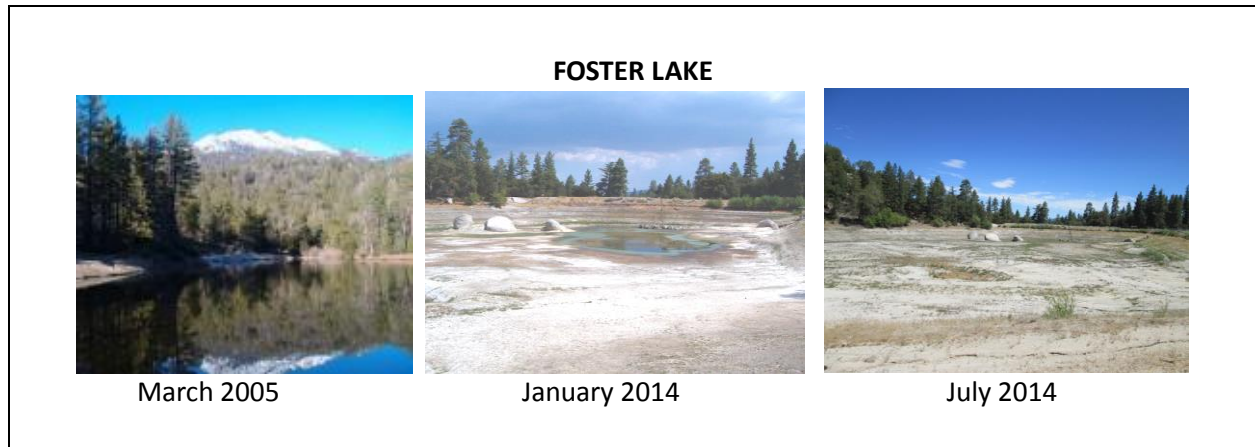


DRY TIMES



Above are pictures of a very barren Foster Lake. Normally, the Lake percolates to feed primary IWD wells. When it is full, it is 18 feet deep. Unfortunately, the Lake has been dry since January, resulting in reduced water levels in our wells. The drought in California has been persistent. Drying vegetation increases fuels for wildfires. Earlier this year, the Governor issued an executive order declaring a State of Emergency to exist due to severe drought conditions. There is no guarantee that winter precipitation will alleviate the drought conditions. Locally, we are in a Stage 2 mandatory conservation condition. This has been very successful in saving water – more than 6 million gallons in the first six months of 2014 as compared to the first six months of 2013. Thank you for your efforts to conserve water!

- However, with reduced water consumption, higher energy costs and increased pumping depths (times) revenues drop and customer rates will need to increase. What can you do to help?
- Take shorter showers....we have 3 minute timers available for customers.
- Don't let the water run when brushing your teeth.
- Stop and check for leaks. IWD has toilet tablets available if you believe you may have a silent toilet leak.
- Only water landscaping between the hours of 6pm and 8am in the morning. (This is mandatory during Stage 2. During Stage 3 there will be no watering of outside landscaping, unless you purchase water for an on-site water tank.)
- If you see running water or sprinklers running during the day, please call the IWD office at 951-659-2143
- Replace water thirsty landscape with drought tolerant or California native landscaping.
- When in an Idyllwild restaurant, ask for water if you need it otherwise pass it up!

We will post additional information on our website: idyllwildwater.com

We will hold a Public Hearing at our next regular Board Meeting, September 10th @ 6 pm regarding sewer rates.

Please join us!