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HPUD History:

In 1988 United States federal government commissioned to increase United States Department of Defense efficiency by coordinating the realignment and closure of military installations. Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC). More than 350 installations have been closed in five BRAC rounds: 1988, 1991, 1993, 1995, and 2005. These five BRAC rounds constitute a combined savings to the US Government of \$12 billion annually. The BRAC of 1990 provided “the basic framework for the transfer and disposal of military installations closed during the BRAC process”.

In 1999 the Federal Prison came to the Herlong Community for a water and wastewater source. The Federal Prison system had been awarded property in Herlong through the BRAC to build a Federal Prison; with realignment of SIAD. The Federal Prison system plan to build a facility in Herlong but did not want to become their own water and sewer system.

The Federal Prison reached out to West Patton Village CSD to supply water and wastewater to them. Unfortunately, WPVCSD received their water and wastewater from SIAD and had no way to supply those needs for the Federal Prison. Hence the beginning of HPUD, know first as Herlong Utility Cooperative. The HUC was born. (History to be continued each month)

BURN PERMITS ARE SUSPENDED!

No more burning until further notice

DROUGHT

Record breaking drought continues. The State has mandatory restrictions placed into effect requesting that all California's cut back on their water usage by 30%.

Reminders:

- **Utility Payments are due in Office by the 10th of every month, not postmarked. Late fees apply if received after due date or balance not paid in full**
- **PSN Help # 866-917-7368 (must have valid email and account #)**
- **FOOD PANTRY @ VFW HALL - 1st & 3rd Fridays of the month from 9am-12pm**

Upcoming Events & Meetings:

- **Sierra Alliance Mtg– 6/29/22**
- **Office Closed 4th of July (Monday 7/4/22)**
- **HPUD Board Meeting 7/12/22 @ 2pm**
- **Billing 7/19/22**
- **Lassen County Fair 7/20-24/2022**

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As Western Drought Worsens, Governor Newsom Moves to Bolster Regional Conservation Efforts

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Executive order calls on local water suppliers to activate drought contingency plans

Governor orders Water Board to consider ban on watering of decorative grass around commercial, industrial and institutional buildings

SACRAMENTO – Following the driest first three months of a year in the state’s recorded history, Governor Gavin Newsom today took steps to drive water conservation at the local level, calling on local water suppliers to move to Level 2 of their Water Shortage Contingency Plans, which require locally-appropriate actions that will conserve water across all sectors, and directing the State Water Resources Control Board to consider a ban on the watering of decorative grass at businesses and institutions.

In an executive order signed today, the Governor ordered the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to evaluate the adoption of regulations banning irrigation of “non-functional” turf (or grass), such as decorative grass adjacent to large industrial and commercial buildings. The ban would not include residential lawns or grass used for recreation, such as school fields, sports fields and parks. The Department of Water Resources estimates this ban alone will result in potential water savings of several hundred thousand acre-feet. An acre-foot of water serves the needs of approximately three households for a year.

“While we have made historic investments to protect our communities, economy and ecosystems from the worsening drought across the West, it is clear we need to do more,” said Governor Newsom. “Today, I am calling on local water agencies to implement more aggressive water conservation measures, including having the Water Board evaluate a ban on watering ornamental grass on commercial properties, which will drive water use savings at this critical time. Amid climate-driven extremes in weather, we must all continue to do our part and make water conservation a way of life.”

As the drought persists into a third year and conditions worsen amidst dry, hot weather, today’s order called on the SWRCB to consider requiring urban water suppliers to activate, at a minimum, Level 2 of their customized Water Shortage Contingency Plans. These plans, required by state law, are developed by local water agencies to navigate drought and each plan is customized based on an agency’s unique infrastructure and management. Triggering Level 2 of these plans involves implementing water conservation actions to prepare for a water shortage level of up to 20 percent. For example, in many communities, this would mean reducing the number of days that residents can water outdoors, among other measures.

To further conserve water and strengthen drought resiliency in this critically dry year, the Governor is encouraging suppliers, where appropriate, to consider going above and beyond the Level 2 of their water shortage contingency plans, activating more ambitious measures. The Governor has also ordered state agencies to submit funding proposals to support the state’s short- and long-term drought response, including emergency assistance to communities and households facing drought-related water shortages, facilitating groundwater recharge and wastewater recycling, improvements in water use efficiency, protecting fish and wildlife, and minimizing drought-related economic disruption.

Today’s executive order includes several other provisions that will protect all water users:

•Ensuring Vulnerable Communities Have Drinking Water

- Cuts red tape so communities that need access to emergency hauled or bottled water can get it immediately

•Safeguarding Groundwater Supplies

- Requires local permitting authorities to coordinate with Groundwater Sustainability Agencies to ensure new proposed wells do not compromise existing wells or infrastructure, as 85 percent of public water systems rely heavily on groundwater during drought
- Streamlines permitting for groundwater recharge projects that help to refill aquifers when rains come

•Protecting Vulnerable Fish And Wildlife

- Expedites state agency approvals for necessary actions to protect fish and wildlife where drought conditions threaten their health and survival

•Preventing Illegal Water Diversions

- Directs the Water Board to expand site inspections in order to determine whether illegal diversions are occurring
- The Governor’s California Comeback Plan invests \$5.2 billion over three years to support the immediate drought response and build water resilience, including funding to secure and expand water supplies; bolster drought contingency planning and multi-benefit land repurposing projects; support drinking water and wastewater infrastructure, with a focus on small and disadvantaged communities; advance Sustainable Groundwater Management Act implementation to improve water supply security and quality; and support wildlife and habitat restoration efforts, among other nature-based solutions.

More information on the state’s response to the drought and informational resources available to the public are available at <https://drought.ca.gov/>.