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Orland Announces Water Conservation Results for 2018

The City of Orland, which operates its own public water system, kept 2018 water consumption 27% below that of the benchmark year 2013, saving over 222 million gallons (=682 acre feet) of water.

This follows recent years' results of 22% in 2017, 30% in 2016, and 28% in 2015 – each year using well over a hundred million gallons of water less than in 2013.

After reviewing its water conservation accomplishments, recent State guidance and current groundwater resources, the Orland City Council in 2016 decided to continue many of the previous year's water regulations including landscape irrigation on certain days and times.

While the City affirmatively enforced the rules in 2015, the regulations continue more as guidance today, and Orland residents have clearly adopted the more water-wise conservation habits.

Orland residents are advised to limit watering their lawns to 8pm to 8am no more than three days per week. Properties north of SR32 can irrigate Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays; south of 32 Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. No lawn irrigation is to occur in Orland on Mondays.

Other continuing water conservation measures in Orland, consistent with Statewide laws and standards, include limits on watering within 48 hours of measurable

rain, obligations to promptly repair leaks, and a moratorium on new private wells. Measures incorporated into Orland's city code on a permanent basis require that lawn irrigation water not go into the gutter or otherwise off the property, a shut-off nozzle must be used if washing vehicles, and water must not be used to wash hard surfaces like concrete unless there is a public health need.

Orland Mayor Bruce Roundy commented, "Orland has always been an excellent community for working together to accomplish a community need." Mayor Roundy cautioned, "We need to be vigilant every year, especially those of us reliant on precious groundwater resources." City staff is tracking municipal well levels monthly.

The City's licensed water system operators, as part of the Orland Public Works Department, operate and maintain 7 wells, 1 elevated tower for storage, 500 fire hydrants and over 30 miles of water mains serving 2550 service connections. The City has solar power generation to offset power consumption at most of its wells, and is installing SCADA computer controls at all wells.

Attachment: Chart of Orland Water consumption

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