

Water Stewardship

in the Sacramento Region

A commitment to conservation, sound water management and economic and environmental sustainability for the population center of Northern California.



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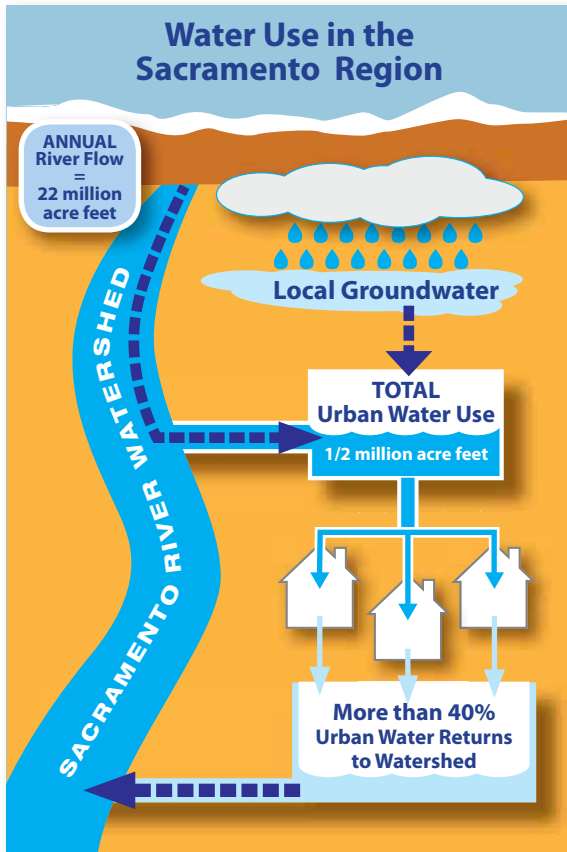
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An important message
about successful water management
efforts in the Sacramento region.

Only Here

We Return More Than 40% of Water

The region's water comes entirely from local rivers and groundwater basins. After we use it, more than 40% is returned to the Delta watershed for reuse. In contrast, some of the most populous regions in the state depend on exported water...using it only once before discharging it to the ocean.



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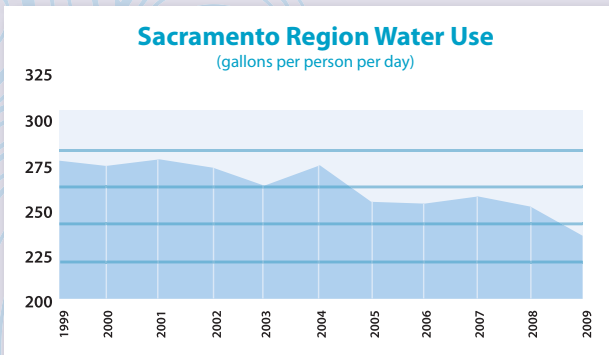
Metering

A Success Story

In the Sacramento region, water meters are critical tools for managing supplies. Some water entities have been fully metered for decades, and all have installed meters on new construction since 1992. In 2001, about one-third of the region's water connections were metered. By 2010, that number rose to nearly two-thirds. By 2013, more than 80% of connections will be metered, and the region will be fully metered before 2025. As of 2011, Sacramento Suburban Water District (SSWD) is nearly 60% metered.



Historic Water Use – A Decreasing Trend



A decade of aggressive water conservation by regional water entities has helped sharply reduce per capita use of water. The region is committed to continuing this trend and contributing to meeting California's water needs and the statutory goal of a 20% reduction in water use by 2020.

Conservation

Our Record of Efficient Water Use

SSWD is committed to leading water conservation efforts with innovative and effective consumer and business programs.

- 💧 **Water-Wise House Calls** help reduce home water use both inside and outside.
- 💧 **Rebates** for clothes washers and smart irrigation controllers.
- 💧 **Water efficient devices** such as automatic shut-off hose nozzles, faucet aerators, leak detection tablets and shower coaches assist customers with using water efficiently.
- 💧 **Antelope Garden**, a demonstration garden, features low water use plants for homeowners.
- 💧 **Water-wise plant list** featuring over 200 drought-tolerant plants and trees is available at sswd.org.
- 💧 **Landscape workshops** on how to create water efficient landscapes are offered.
- 💧 **Support for RWA's Blue Thumb campaign** that kicked off in 2010 to promote more efficient landscape water use. Moving consumers to change their watering behavior is essential because our hot, dry summers make outdoor irrigation a higher portion



of our water use than in many other areas of the state.

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Sacramento Water Use

We Measure Up Well

Many factors affect water use in a region: climate, residential lot size, age of homes, and commercial/industrial activity. Water use in the Sacramento region, about 260 gallons per person per day, compares favorably to other inland communities with similar land use and climate, such as Southern California's Inland Empire and parts of San Diego County. Many coastal areas of California have vastly different population density, land use and climate and therefore different water usage.

Urban Water Use in California

(gallons per person per day)

