



# Press Release

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## **Cambria CSD revises water conservation rules to allow outdoor irrigation once a week**

### **Other restrictions remain in effect, as do current allotments, surcharges and penalties**

CAMBRIA, CA. – The Board of Directors of the Cambria Community Services District (CCSD) today revised its enhanced water conservation measures to allow Cambria residents to use potable water for outdoor irrigation one day a week.

All other restrictions on water use, including allotments, surcharges and penalties, remain in effect. The board also reaffirmed that Cambria remains in a Stage 3 Water Shortage Emergency Condition, which was first declared on Jan. 30, 2014.

The new irrigation rules take effect immediately. They are as follows:

- Permanent residents or businesses with street addresses ending in even numbers may use potable water for outdoor irrigation on **Tuesdays** before 9 a.m. and after 6 p.m.
- Permanent residents or businesses with street addresses ending in odd numbers may use potable water for outdoor irrigation on **Thursdays** before 9 a.m. and after 6 p.m.
- Water customers who do not live in Cambria permanently, can irrigate outdoors with potable water on either **Saturday or Sunday**, but not both days on the same weekend. As with full-time residents, watering is restricted to before 9 a.m. and after 6 p.m.

Watering must be done with a person in attendance, and run-off of excess water is prohibited. Penalties for this and other violations of Cambria's water restrictions start at \$50 for the first violation, rise to \$150 for the second violation and \$250 for the third, and reach \$1,000 for any violations beyond that.

Bans on other outdoor uses of potable water remain in effect. These include washing down sidewalks, driveways, parking lots and other hard-surfaced areas, washing cars, boats and other vehicles, and refilling pools or commercial spas except to provide for public health and safety.

## **50-gallon limit, commercial allotments unchanged**

The relaxed restriction on outdoor watering does not change the current limits on overall use of water by residents and businesses. As before, each permanent resident is allowed two units (200 cubic feet, or about 1,500 gallons) per month, or four units per two-month billing period. Homes with part-time residents get two units a month, irrespective of the number of residents. The maximum commercial allotment is equal to 80% of the average monthly use for the three years prior to the January 2014 Stage 3 declaration.

The CCSD's water-saving rules continue to exceed state conservation requirements, and Cambria also continues to conserve well beyond the state target of a 25% reduction in water use. In July 2015, the latest month for which data are available, Cambria consumed a total of 44.65 acre-feet, down 41% from the same month in 2013.