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### **Critical Drought Update**

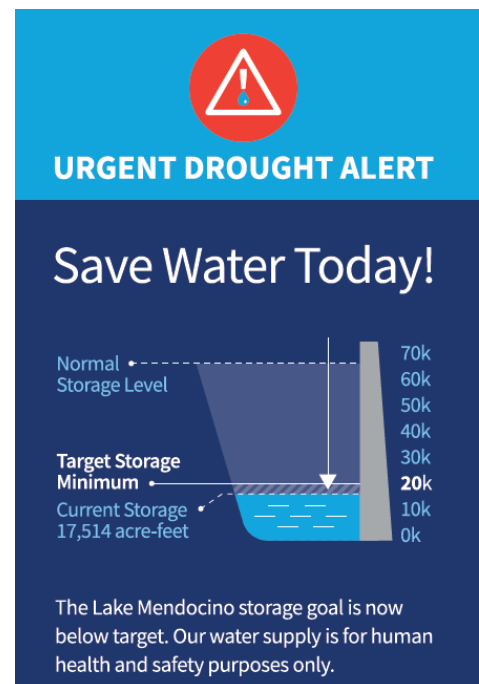
Cloverdale continues to make significant progress in meeting the challenge of water conservation. During the month of August, all City water customers achieved an overall reduction of 38% in water usage over 2020! Residential water customers reduced their water usage by 36%. In total, water customers reduced water used in 2021 by over 580,000 gallons compared to usage in 2020!

The city is thankful for all of your efforts to reduce and conserve our precious water resources. Way to go Cloverdale!!

Despite our significant efforts to conserve our water supply, Northern Sonoma County continues to experience historic drought conditions. The main reservoir at Lake Mendocino serving the North Russian River Watershed is at historically low levels.

In response to the drought, the State Water Resources Control Board ("State Water Board") issued a Curtailment Order to cease all diversions from the Russian River on August 2, 2021. The Curtailment Order was issued to all water right holders on the Upper Russian River including the City of Cloverdale. The Order issued to the City and other municipalities and water suppliers requires reduction of water use to 55 gallons per person per day, measured as gallons per capita daily ("GPCD").

On August 31<sup>st</sup>, after careful evaluation of our water needs, the City petitioned the State Water Board to address the City's Minimum Health and Safety Needs. The City requested that the State Water Board Water Rights Division authorize the City to use 104 GPCD, instead of 55 GPCD. The City received notification that our Petition for Minimum Health and Safety Needs was approved by the State Board.



### **Every Drop Counts! Save Water Now!**

Your individual efforts and sacrifices have made tremendous progress toward addressing the historic drought and the current Stage 4 Water Shortage Emergency. Continued conservation efforts are necessary to ensure we meet our conservation requirements and to ensure that the City complies with the terms and conditions of the petition approved by the State Water Board. Additional conservation by all water customers is necessary to ensure we meet the State's strict standards and do our part to conserve our water supply.

For more information about how to meet the City's water shortage emergency, please visit the City's website: <https://www.cloverdale.net/DocumentCenter/View/4882/Stage-4-Drought-Eng-and-Spanish>

For tips on how to address the Drought, Visit: <https://www.savingwaterpartnership.org/drought/>

