

Grizzly Flats CSD Newsletter September 2015

CONSERVATION NUMBERS

Our community's efforts have shown amazing results! We saw a **39%** conservation rate in July when compared to our usage in 2013! A big "THANK YOU" to all of you who are conserving!

DAILY AVERAGE WATER PRODUCTION (gallons per day)

	2013	2015	Conservation %
June	133,397	90,776	32%
July	171,597	104,623	39%
August	140,516	108,100*	23%*
September	135,527		

*as of August 25, 2015

UPDATE ON THE WATER SUPPLY

Well, the reservoir finally stopped spilling on August 11, 2015. We haven't seen the reservoir stop spilling since 2012 when we installed the liner. We consider the fact that it lasted as long as it did a huge victory, especially as we push our way through the 4th year of this drought.



Pictures taken 8/24/2015

We have pre-1914 water rights that allow us to continue using water flowing in Eagle Ditch to maintain the level in the reservoir. We cannot REFILL the reservoir until November 1st or until the State Water Resources Control Board lifts its water curtailments against appropriative rights (which is what allows us to put water into storage). In years

past, we lost so much water to seepage that it became a water emergency when the reservoir stopped spilling. With the liner, we are waiting and watching to see how it reacts. If it becomes necessary, we will declare Water Emergency Stages.

OUTDOOR WATERING

Don't forget, GFCS D potable water may only be used for outdoor watering **TWO (2) days** per week. This includes but isn't limited to watering lawns, landscapes, gardens and fruit trees. This also includes drip systems and timed watering devices.

Homes with addresses ending in an **EVEN** number (0, 2, 4, 6, and 8) shall limit outdoor irrigation to **Wednesdays and Saturdays**.

Homes with addresses ending in an **ODD** number (1, 3, 5, 7 and 9) shall limit outdoor watering to **Thursdays and Sundays**.

GFCS D is issuing warning letters and fines to customers who are not following these requirements. Be sure you are aware of your watering days!

E-BILL – A NEW WAY TO GET YOUR MONTHLY WATER STATEMENT!

We are excited to offer a new option to customers to get their monthly water statements! Through our billing software, we can now offer a "paperless" option for any customer who decides to opt in. You can receive emails with an attached PDF of your water statement, newsletters and late notices (if applicable). If you would like to go "paperless" contact our office!

TOILET REPLACEMENT REBATES

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has started a program that provides rebates for replacing toilets at California single-family residences to support the State's drought

response. The \$6 million program budget is expected to support the replacement of 60,000 toilets throughout the state. Up to \$100 will be rebated for purchase and installation of one qualified high-efficiency toilet (1.28 gallons per flush or less) per household that replaces a less-efficient toilet (using more than 1.6 gallons per flush).

HOW TO GET YOUR TOILET REBATE

The rebate process is simple. Here is how the process works:

1. Check the website www.saveourwaterrebates.com to determine if funds are still available for the program.
2. Identify a qualified US Environmental Protection Agency WaterSense certified high-efficiency toilet (1.28 gallons per flush or less).
3. Purchase a toilet from the qualifying models list.
4. Complete the on-line toilet rebate application.
5. Receive your rebate approval notice.
6. Receive your rebate check!

DWR also has a Turf Replacement Program for those who may be interested in replacing their lawns with landscapes that require very little water. Visit DWR's website above for more information on both these programs.

UPDATE ON THE GFCSD ELECTION

2015 is an election year for our District. We had three seats up for election this November. Our current Board Chair, Andre' Legrand has refiled for his seat, but Board members Robert Ball and Doug MacDonald have decided not to return to the Board. We have had one interested party that filed with El Dorado County for one of the empty seats. That still leaves one seat (a four year term) that needs to be filled by appointment.

If you are interested in being considered for that appointment, we ask that you submit a letter of interest and a resume. Those can be mailed, emailed or dropped off at our office Monday – Friday, between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM. **The deadline to submit a letter of interest is September 30, 2015 at 2:00 PM.**

Board of Directors serve as volunteers and are not compensated for attending meetings. Candidates must have their primary residence within our District boundaries and be available to attend board meetings, special meetings and committee meetings as necessary. All directors, which compose our five member Board, have a vested interest to operate the

business of the District to the best of his or her ability and conscience. If you have questions or want more information about serving as a Board member, contact our office.

UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS **BACKWASH TANK REPLACEMENT**

Here is our new 55,000 gallon backwash tank! As of 8/24/15, it was holding water. We hope to wrap up construction and put it into service soon!



We are also working on the installation of Cathodic Protection Systems in three of our water storage tanks, 300 meter replacements, installing air release valves on Eagle Ditch and a establishing a Leak Detection Program.

HOW ARE WE PAYING FOR THIS?

GFCSD was awarded a grant from the Department of Water Resources through its Prop. 84 Drought 2014 Grant Solicitation. The total project cost is \$507,911. We are receiving \$492,051 in grant funds (97%) and will contribute \$15,860 in matching funds (3%).

DELAYED OR MISSING CHECKS

There was an issue in August with payments being delayed by the Postal Service. Checks issued on or near August 10th didn't arrive at our office until August 25th or later. Some customers were charged late fees on August 21st because payments were not received on time. Those late fees were reversed as a one-time courtesy by GFCSD, but please remember that it is your responsibility to get your payment to our office by the due date. You can bring a payment by our office, drop it in the drop box at the end of our driveway or even pay online if that's more convenient. These methods ensure your payment gets to us!