

# Spare the Water

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# Presentation Outline

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- Overview of Conservation Group
- Best Management Practices (BMP) Progress
- Water Waste Service Call Trends
- Conservation Ordinance Revisions
- Outreach and Education Efforts

# Water Conservation Group

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- 7 full time employees
- Core services:
  - BMP Compliance
  - Water Waste Complaints & Ordinance Enforcement
  - Customer Outreach & Education (Workshops)

## BMP Summary

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- 14 Best Management Practices in place under the 2008 California Urban Water Conservation Council MOU
- **Foundational**
  - Utility Operations Programs
  - Education Programs
- **Programmatic**
  - Residential Assistance Programs (Indoor and Outdoor)
  - Incentive Programs (Rebates, Toilets, Washing Machines)
  - Commercial, Industrial and Institutional (CII)
  - Large Landscape

## BMP Progress

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Description	2008 Results	2009 BMP Target	2009 Results
Water Wise House Calls	231	2,594	270
Toilet Rebates	1,382	5,624	1,972
Washing Machine Rebates	N/A*	1,076	53
Large Landscape Audits (Water Use Analysis)	8	120	100

\*Program was not in place prior to 2009

## Peak Season Water Waste Service Requests

Month	Water Waste Calls 2008	Water Waste Calls 2009	Percentage Increase
May	136	203	49%
June	282	581	106%
July	217	661	205%
August	196	484	147%
September	156	366	135%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>2,295</b>	<b>133%</b>

## 2009 Outdoor Ordinance Amendments

Revised Ordinance (Effective June 12, 2009)	Amendments to Ordinance (November 3, 2009)
Water run-off prohibited	No change
<p>Odd-Even Watering Schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Addresses ending in an ODD number (1,3,5,7,9) may water on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday;</li><li>• Addresses ending in an EVEN number (0,2,4,6,8) may water on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday;</li><li>• There is no watering on Mondays</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No Change to ODD or EVEN weekday schedule.</li><li>• Limits watering during wet season (after daylight savings time ends) <b>to Saturday or Sunday.</b></li><li>• More specific definition of drip irrigation as defined by DWR Model Landscape Ordinance was added.</li></ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No watering between <b>10 a.m. and 6 p.m.</b> on your watering day</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No watering between <b>10 a.m. and 7 p.m.</b> on your watering day.</li></ul>



## Outreach & Education Efforts

- RWA Blue Thumb Program
- Spare Sac Water Alerts
- Water Conservation Community Workshops
- Volunteer Ambassador's Program
- 2010 Water Efficient Landscape Garden at Glen Ellen Facility
  - Anticipated for completion June 2010



## Next Steps

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