

Board of Directors

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Board of Director's Meeting February 17, 2016

Approval of Financial Statements for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015: Sarah Beer of the accounting firm Hathaway, Ksenzulak and Lapp, LLC, presented the review of the District's

Financial Statements for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015. The Independent Auditor's Report is conducted in conformity with the accounting principles and systems prescribed by the State Controller's Office and state regulations governing Special Districts. The Board unanimously approved to accept the Auditor's Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2015. The District's Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2014-15 are available at the District Office for review.

Conservation Update

Although February was mostly dry, rain and snow returned in March to boost Shasta Lake slightly above its historic level. However, Trinity Lake remains far below average levels for this time of year.

Don't let the rain deceive you! California has experienced prolonged dry conditions for the fifth year in a row, along with record high temperatures which had a severe impact on mountain snowpack. The last two years 2014 and 2015 were the warmest and second-warmest in 121 years of statewide average temperature records. Although this winter has been the wettest year since the drought began in 2012, one improved season does not nullify four prior years of drought.

The State has asked all rural public water utilities to continue to conserve 25% from their 2013 usage and to report their conservation levels from December 2015 through August 2016 to the Department of Water Resources.

Below is a comparison of Centerville's usage as compared to 2013.

Year	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
2015—2016	42.9	37.8	37.9	39.5*
2013	83.7	56.3	63.0	81.6
Conservation	49%	33%	40%	52%*

* Estimated

Let's continue to work together to save this precious resource and be a leader in the conservation arena.

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Awaken to Spring

*And Spring arose on the garden fair, Like the Spirit of Love felt everywhere;
 And each flower and herb on Earth's dark breast, rose from the dreams of its
 wintry rest.*

Percy Bysshe Shelley



The Dirt on Soil...

A drought can be a gardener's worst nightmare. When hot, dry weather settles in, it affects your landscape in a variety of ways. Both during and after a drought, your soil may need special attention to bring it back to life. The first step to being successful is having good soil. Good soil needs to breathe, retain moisture and provide a good food supply. Before spending a penny on seeds, shrubs or flowers make sure your soil is ready.

Test Your Soil: Smell your soil, does it smell rich? Does it look rich? If you're not sure what good soil smells like, go to a landscape supplier and compare the look and smell of your soil to their best. Ask them what they would add to enrich the appearance and aroma of your soil.

Pull Weeds: It might not be fun, but getting those weeds out of the garden is especially important during a drought. The reason: Weeds' roots steal valuable moisture from the soil.

Add Nutrients: All livestock manures can be valuable additions to soil — their nutrients are readily available to soil organisms and plants. In fact, manures make a greater contribution to soil aggregation than composts, which have already decomposed.

Add Mulch: Apply a 2-3 inch layer of mulch on top of your soil to moderate the soil temperature, reduce evaporation and runoff, and create an attractive appearance.

If you are planning to plant a flower bed or luscious vegetable garden, it is recommended that you look for drought tolerant plants and that you also use a drip or microspray system.

To minimize the impact of drought, soil needs to capture the rainwater that falls on it, store as much of that water as possible for future plant use, and allow for plant roots to penetrate and proliferate. These conditions can be achieved through management of organic matter, which can increase water storage by 16,000 gallons per acre foot for each 1% organic matter. Organic matter also increases the soil's ability to take in water during rainfall events, assuring that more water will be stored. Ground cover also increases the water infiltration rate while lowering soil water evaporation. When all these factors are taken together the severity of drought and the need for irrigation are greatly reduced.

California Department of Water Resources



To Plant a Garden, is to Believe in Tomorrow.

Audrey Hepburn

Average Water Usage for the month:

Compare the usage on your water bill with the average of the District.

March's Average: 1,200 cubic - feet.

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

The next scheduled Board of Director's Meeting will be held Wednesday, April 20th, at 7:00 pm., at the District Office.

The public is always encouraged to attend.