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Snowpack Holds More Water than Last Year, But Drought Conditions Continue and So Should Conservation!



Although the winter's snow survey confirms that we are in better shape than we were last year, this does not mean that we are out of the Drought. Due to the severity of the water deficits over the past four years, many of California's reservoirs and groundwater basins remain depleted and the need for continued water conservation persists.

Following Governor Brown's Executive Order on November 13, 2015, the State Water Resources Control Board extended their restrictions on water use through October 2016 to ensure that water conservation continues.

At this time, the State is continuing to require 25% conservation from your 2013 usage. District customer's have done an outstanding job exceeding the State's requirement in the past and we are confident that this trend will continue.

Thank you for adhering to the water schedules and conserving this precious resource!

Amendment to the District's Drought Contingency Plan:



With the State Water Board extending the mandatory conservation requirement through October 31, 2016, the Board of Director's unanimously adopted Resolution 2016-02 amending the District's Drought Contingency Plan (DCP) to cover Water Year 2016-17. At this time the District will remain in **Stage I - Voluntary Conservation** of the DCP and in accordance with the State Regulations, request District customers to continue to conserve 25% from their 2013 water usage.

Quotable Quotes:

"I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do."

Edward Everett Hale

Do You Celebrate St. Patrick's Day?

Although many of us are not Irish, we love to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in one way or another. We eat Corned Beef and Cabbage, drink a green beer, wear signs that say Kiss Me I'm Irish or simply wear green and walk around pinching those who don't. We have all indulged in the festivities at one time or another, but do we really know any history about St. Patrick's Day? Here are a few Irish tidbits, just in case you are celebrating and the subject comes up...

WHY CORNED BEEF?

Our association with corned beef as traditional Irish fare can be traced back to the 19th century and the Irish immigration to the U.S. While the newly immigrated Irish were used to eating salt pork back at home, its nearest counterpart, bacon, was prohibitively expensive in the U.S.

Their best option for a lower-cost meat was, you guessed it: corned beef. What was once a luxury item became a food that was now inexpensive and readily available. So it was the Irish-American consumption of corned beef that initiated its association with Ireland and the holiday of St. Patrick's Day.

And as for pairing cabbage with corned beef, it was simply one of the cheapest vegetables available to Irish immigrants, so it was a side dish that stuck. (thekitchn.com)

WHY WEAR GREEN?

Forgot to wear green on St. Patty's Day? Don't be surprised if you get pinched. No surprise, it's an entirely American tradition that probably started in the early 1700s. St. Patrick's revelers thought wearing green made one invisible to leprechauns, fairy creatures who would pinch anyone they could see (anyone not wearing green). People began pinching those who didn't wear green as a reminder that leprechauns would sneak up and pinch green-abstainers. (sfist.com - Brock Keeling)

THE LEPRECHAUN

The Leprechaun is an Irish fairy. He looks like a small, old man (about 2 feet tall), often dressed like a shoemaker, with a cocked hat and a leather apron. According to legend, leprechauns are aloof and unfriendly, live alone, and pass the time making shoes. They also possess a hidden pot of gold. Treasure hunters can often track down a leprechaun by the sound of his shoemaker's hammer. If caught, he can be forced (with the threat of bodily violence) to reveal the whereabouts of his treasure, but the captor must keep their eyes on him every second. If the captor's eyes leave the leprechaun (and he often tricks them into looking away), he vanishes and all hopes of finding the treasure are lost. (theholidayspot.com)

THE BLARNEY STONE

The Blarney Stone is a stone set in the wall of the Blarney Castle tower in the Irish village of Blarney. Kissing the stone is supposed to bring the kisser the gift of persuasive eloquence (blarney). The castle was built in 1446 by Cormac Laidhiv McCarthy (Lord of Muskerry) -- its walls are 18 feet thick (necessary to thwart attacks by Cromwellians and William III's troops). Thousands of tourists a year still visit the castle. The origins of the Blarney Stone's magical properties aren't clear, but one legend says that an old woman cast a spell on the stone to reward a king who had saved her from drowning. Kissing the stone while under the spell gave the king the ability to speak sweetly and convincingly. It's tough to reach the stone -- it's between the main castle wall and the parapet. Kissers have to stretch to their back and bend backward (and downward), holding iron bars for support. (theholidayspot.com)



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NEXT REGULAR BOARD

MEETING:

The next scheduled Board of Director's Meeting will be held Wednesday, March 16th, at 7:00 pm., at the District Office.

The public is always encouraged to attend.

Average Water Usage for the month:

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

February's Average: 1,000 cubic - feet.