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# San Juan Water District imposes water conservation requirement

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The San Juan Water District on Wednesday imposed a 20 percent water conservation requirement on all its customers, which includes 265,000 people in Citrus Heights, Fair Oaks and portions of Folsom.

The move doubles a prior 10 percent conservation mandate announced last week. A key factor behind the additional call for conservation is the fact that San Juan's intake at Folsom Lake could be compromised if the lake continues dropping. The district is trying to avoid that problem by urging customers to conserve now.

"We have to reduce our surface water uses by 20 percent right now," said San Juan General Manager Shauna Lorange. "We anticipate the lake level may drop far enough down toward our intake that our pumping may be restricted."

San Juan serves its own retail customers and also sells wholesale water to Citrus Heights, Fair Oaks, Orangevale and part of Folsom. The district expects those wholesale customers to also reduce their water demand by 20 percent. These savings will be especially important as the region transitions into the warmer spring season.

"Despite the recent rain, we're facing dangerously low water supplies," Lorange said.

Customers are urged to restrict outdoor watering to evening hours, and only when necessary, never leave hoses running, don't let faucets run unnecessarily, and install low-flow plumbing fixtures.

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I'll never understand why Californians feel they have to water their lawns so much (or even have so much lawn in the first place). One of my neighbors waters his lawn EVERY DAY in the summer, and most of the water runs off it into the gutter - hundred of gallons of it every day, no joke. Sometimes I feel like scooping it into buckets and watering my flower beds with it, there's so much of it. His lawn looks barely any better than mine or my other neighbor's, and we water every 4 days for 15 minutes. Would it kill people to tolerate a little bit of yellowing grass for once?

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