

COUNTY OF YOLO

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Dear Wild Wings County Service Area (CSA) Residents,

Last summer, we wrote to explain that while the drought may be over, the aquifers that supply Wild Wings have not recovered and may not recover for quite some time. This condition has not changed, nor generally, has the excessive landscape overwatering by many property owners. As a result, water for drinking and fire suppression in Wild Wings continues to be in short supply. Residents are strongly encouraged to immediately change landscape irrigation practices and conserve water.

As a reminder, homeowners in Wild Wings are charged for fiscal year (July-June) water usage over 250,000 gallons. On the next property tax bills, 93 properties will be receiving water overage charges for fiscal year 2017-18. This is not surprising given the extreme overwatering witnessed throughout the community.

Besides the real and immediate need to reduce water consumption in Wild Wings, the State is adopting water efficiency standards for indoor and outdoor water use, as well as water lost to leaks, to be applied by water agencies, such as the Wild Wings CSA, starting in 2022. The indoor water use limit will start at 55 gallons per person, per day (20,075 gallons annually) and further decrease over time. The outdoor water use standard will be based on land cover, climate and other factors yet to be determined. While the volume for outdoor water use is yet to be determined, it can be assured it will be much less than CSA allots now. Ultimately, water agencies will be required to calculate and meet their objectives based on these standards. Besides a significant decrease in the annual allotment, water overage charges are sure to increase and affect many more properties without major changes in irrigation practices.

Given the limited water currently available for the Wild Wings community and the implications of the State's water efficiency standards in the near future, now is the time to conserve water. For water conservation tips and resources, and the Wild Wings' outdoor watering schedule (Sunday, Wednesday and Friday in summer), visit: www.YoloCounty.org/Wild-Wings-CSA (selected Water Conservation link on left menu). Together, we can all contribute to replenishing the aquifers that service Wild Wings, and ensure a sustainable water supply into the future.

It is a pleasure serving the residents of the Wild Wings County Service Area. Should you need any assistance, don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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