



Community-Wide Above & Beyond Water Conservation Efforts Requested January 11- 13 and January 18-20, 2013



Cater Water Treatment Plant

The City of Santa Barbara is asking water customers to conserve water above and beyond everyday water conservation practices for this weekend and the following weekend. The City's Cater Water Treatment Plant treats drinking water and provides water supplies for the City and Montecito and Carpinteria Valley Water Districts. A \$20 Million Ozonation Project is currently being constructed at the Cater Water Treatment Plant in response to more stringent federal drinking water regulations. To accommodate the Ozonation Project's construction, two three-

day shutdowns of the Cater Water Treatment Plant are required and will take place January 11-13 and January 18-20, 2013.

During the shutdowns, drinking water production will be suspended; however, the City's 13 reservoirs will be filled to their maximum capacities, and augmented with limited water supplies from the City's wells and neighboring water agencies.

Water conservation is a way of life in Santa Barbara and over the years City water customers have lowered their water use through many water conservation practices. The community is being asked to make "above and beyond" concerted efforts to conserve water as much as possible during the shutdowns to ensure everyone has uninterrupted water supplies while the Water Treatment Plant is off line. Every effort is being made so that water customers will not experience an interruption in water service, but customers are asked to limit nonessential water use such as irrigation and recreation during these two weekends. This can be done by making sure sprinkler timers are off (due to significant recent rainfall, irrigation can be off for many weeks), as well as limiting car washing at home and refraining from refilling pools.

The City offers free water check-ups year-round for all water customers, providing recommendations on ways to save water both indoors and outdoors. For more ways to conserve water, information on rebates, and to get a water check-up, please visit SaveWaterSB.org or call (805) 564-5460.

For further information on the planned Cater shutdowns, please contact Catherine Taylor, Water System Manager at ctaylor@SantaBarbaraCA.gov or (805) 564-5379.