

Good morning John and Board Members of Plumas CSD,

As California heads into yet another year of potential severe drought, I am writing to ask that you start us off with stage 2 water restrictions before we head into Memorial Day weekend.

With the warming, drier days and as home owners start arriving and firing up their irrigation systems it would be a perfect time to start the restrictions sooner than later.

I was reminded as I walked around the neighborhood last week in the snow storm, that irrigation systems were running regardless of the freezing temperatures and the abundance of moisture that Mother Nature was providing, that we as a neighborhood continue to take our water for granted.

Once water meters were installed in Truckee in 2010, my clients and I were able to monitor the water usage better, find any non-noticeable water leaks and make sure everything was working properly. 99% of my clients were surprised at our much water a landscaped yard actually uses and especially ones with lawns and large trees.

And knowing that we will be more likely to never have water meters here in Plumas to help guide us, we will need to use the guidelines that you have already written for us going forward. Educating the public is hard, but necessary when it comes to water usage and making sure we use our precise resource properly.

Also while implementing these restrictions it is a perfect time to remind home owners to triple check their irrigation systems for any broken heads, pipes and any misguided spray/ heads as many are watering the driveway or the street instead of the actual landscape. Actually checking the system at least once a month at the least is even better.

Perhaps creating a magnetic like the one attached or just even a flyer and a sheet to post on the website and the local bulletin board so everyone has a reminder of what days they can and can not water would be handy...with the Plumas CSD logo on it instead of the Truckee Meadows Water districts as pictured. I would be happy to offer my time to do some research on where we might be able to have such magnets made if there is any interest.

Thanks for considering doing these restrictions sooner than later and for all you do for our district.

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