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#### Water Cops and Robbers: Policing Unreasonable Water Use in L.A.

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#### Overview

- The Drought and the Water CRU
- Ordinance Reporting and Enforcement
- Unreasonable Water Use Program Background
- Program Selection Process
- Desktop Audit
- Water Budget
- Water Use Determined "Unreasonable"
- Working with Customers
- Compliance
- Our Results
- Video!!

### The Drought

## **Drought Severity** D0 (Abnormally Dry) D1 (Moderate Drought) D2 (Severe Drought) D3 (Extreme Drought) D4 (Exceptional Drought)

#### Water Conservation Response Unit





#### Water Waste Reporting



### Water Shaming & Speculations

Who is the Wet Prince of Bel Air? Here are the likely culprits

Report: California Homeowner Dubbed 'Wet Prince of Bel Air' Used 11.8M Gallons of Water in 1 Year

By ABC NEWS · Sep 22, 2016, 8:39 AM ET

# The suspect list narrows: Who is the 'Wet Prince of Bel-Air'?

from The Center for Investigative Reporting

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#### Program Background

- Per the Emergency Water Conservation Plan article of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, it is unlawful for any customer to waste, or engage in the unreasonable use of water.
- LADWP began enforcement in 2016
- Those who are fined are subject to CPRA
- Opportunity to educate our largest users
- Promote investment in efficient equipment



#### **Program Selection Process**

- Tier 4 List
- Desktop audits
- Budgeting
- Over/under

#### **Program Selection Process**

- Raw Data
  - Includes only Tier 4 customers
  - Nearly 50,000 accounts!
    - Vetted to get usable data i.e. remove cancelled bills
    - Weed out non-residential accounts
  - Sorted by Daily HCF
  - Comparison done during highest ET period
    - Easier to collect data
    - Most generous budgeting period



#### **Desktop Audit**

#### • Measurement

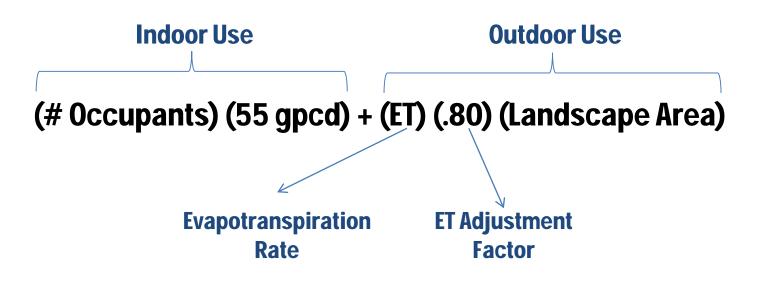
Use Zimas, NavigateLADWP, and Google to locate property boundaries and assess what area is irrigated (No credit for non-irrigated areas.)



#### Desktop Water Budget

Using Industry Standard Methodologies

- Indoor Budget: 55 gallons per person per day (SBx7-7)
- Outdoor Budget: State Model Water Efficiency Landscape Ordinance

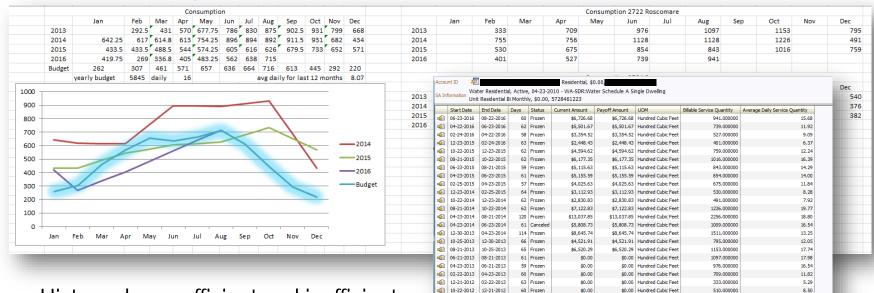




#### Water Budget

#### Consumption Report

3 year consumption history from all services is recorded from CCB and compared to seasonality curve based on lot size, ET, and household size



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History shows efficient and inefficient periods and spikes in usage

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#### Water Use Determined "Unreasonable"

#### • The Desktop Audit – Over Budget



#### Working with our Customers

- Outreach
  - Notification Letter
  - Email Updates
  - Phone calls
  - Home visits
  - Conservation Plan
    - Techniques, devices, and rebates to reduce water use. Establish a reasonable timeline for results.



#### Working with our Customers

- Water Customer Conservation Plan
  - Water Use Analysis
  - Recommendations
    - Techniques, devices, and rebates to reduce water use.
  - Establish a reasonable timeline for results.

#### **Recommendations & Required Actions:**

#### Recommend a Weather Based Irrigation Controller: Even thoug

the controller may not be changed on a regul give you a daily adjustment on your watering of controller, along with moisture sensors, wi lawn area. They also come with a rain sensor automatically if there is a rain incident. Check controllers that would work best.

Indoor\* Efficient Y/N # of Devices Outdoor # of De **Irrigation Stations** Toilets 12 Not known man Showerheads Irrigation Controller 9 Not known 1 Not known Sprinkler Heads Faucets. Unknown man Dishwasher Unknown Drip Lines 1 Clothes Washer 1 Υ Fountain Yes n/a Swimming Pool Jacuzzi 1 1

#### Compliance

- Implement Conservation Plan
- Monthly Meter Reads
- Make Improvements
- Meet Budget
- Ongoing Monitoring

#### Compliance

- Failure to Comply
  - Per Ordinance, Escalating Penalties

Penalty Schedule B

Number of Consecutive Months with Violation	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4	Phase 5	Phase 6
Violation during months 1-5	N/A	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$5,000	\$10,000	Board Authority
Violation during months 6-11	N/A	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$10,000	\$20,000	Board Authority
Violation during months 12-17	N/A	\$3,000	\$6,000	\$15,000	\$30,000	Board Authority
Violation during months 18-23	N/A	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$20,000	\$40,000	Board Authority



#### **Our Results**

- Customer Responses
- Techniques Implemented
- Water Saved
- \$ Saved for Customer



#### Water Use is Down

