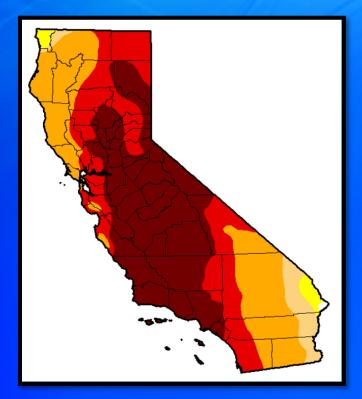
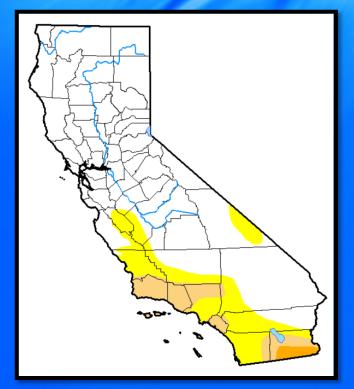
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### **The Drought: An IOU's Approach to Achieving Mandatory Conservation**





March 31, 2015

March 28, 2017

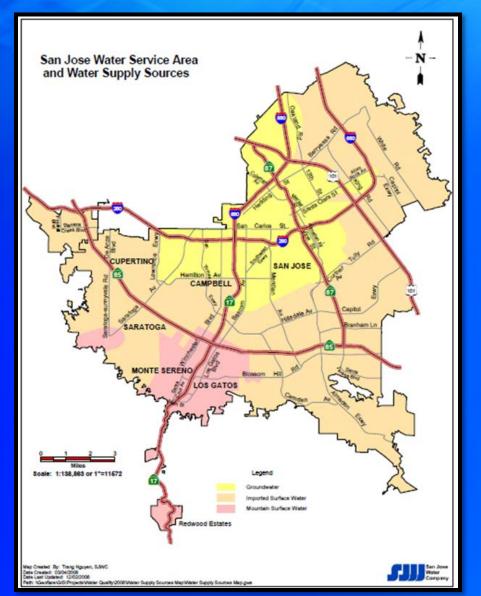


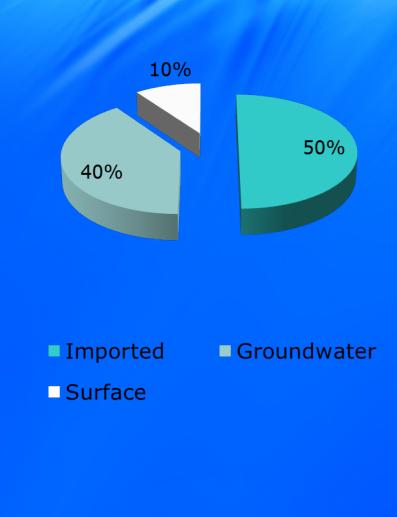
#### San Jose Water Company At-A-Glance

- Established in 1866, serves approximately one million people in the San Jose area
- Largest investor-owned water utility in California with a contiguous service area
- Service area
  - 138 square miles
  - 2,400 miles of mains
  - 220,000 customer accounts

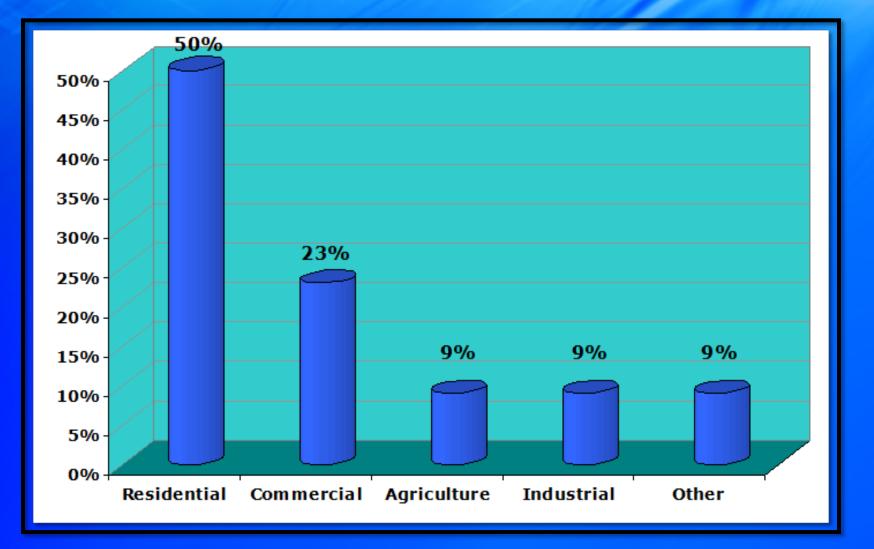


### San Jose Water Company Water Sources





#### **Uses of Water by Customer Sector**

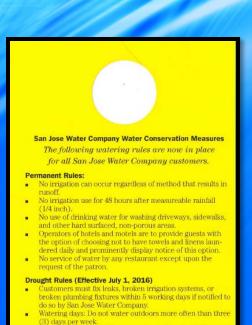


#### **The Recent California Drought Timeline**

- **2011 to 2013** Three consecutive years of below average precipitation
- February 25, 2014 Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) changes conservation target to 20% from 10%
- March 30, 2014 SJWC institutes Rule 14.1 mandating conservation measures in an effort to reach 20% reduction goal
- March 25, 2015 SCVWD calls for 30% conservation
- April 1, 2015 Governor's Executive Order requires 25% mandatory statewide reduction
- April 9, 2015 CPUC orders water companies to implement water allocation plan
- June 15, 2015 SJWC institutes Schedule 14.1 conservation rates, allocations, and surcharges

### Water Use Rules and Water Waste Violations

- All water use rules enforced through our Water Waste program.
- Noted water use rules:
  - Leaks must be repaired within 72 hours of notice
  - Irrigation restricted to 2 day per week
  - No washing vehicles at home
  - No filling new swimming pools
  - No irrigation runoff from the property



- Even numbered addresses water on Tuesday, Friday, and Sunday.
- Odd numbered addresses as well as properties with no address water on Monday, Thursday, and Saturday.
- No watering between 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. and irrigation cannot exceed fifteen (15) minutes per zone per day
  with exceptions made for zones exclusively using drip irrigation, low precipitation sprinkler heads that apply water at or
  less than 1.0 inches per hour, hose with a positive shutoff
  device, or hand held bucket or similar container.
- No washing of cars, buses, boats, aircraft, trailers or other vehicles, unless hoses are equipped with a nozzle that shuts off automatically when the handle is released.
- No use of potable water for construction purposes, including washing streets, backfill, and dust control unless no other source of water or other method can be used.
- No use of water for decorative fountains or the filling or topping off of decorative lakes or ponds. Exceptions are made for use of recycled water, or to sustain aquatic life, provided that such animals are of significant value and have been actively managed within the water feature prior to declaration of a supply shortage.
- Filling or re-filling of swimming pools or outdoor spas is allowed.

SJWC can only enforce the water use restrictions listed above. Please check with your municipality for any additional restrictions that may apply.

These rules are described in more detail at www.sjwater.com



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#### **The Public Has Its Say**



• Public Utilities Commission required SJWC to host public hearing on May 28, 2015.

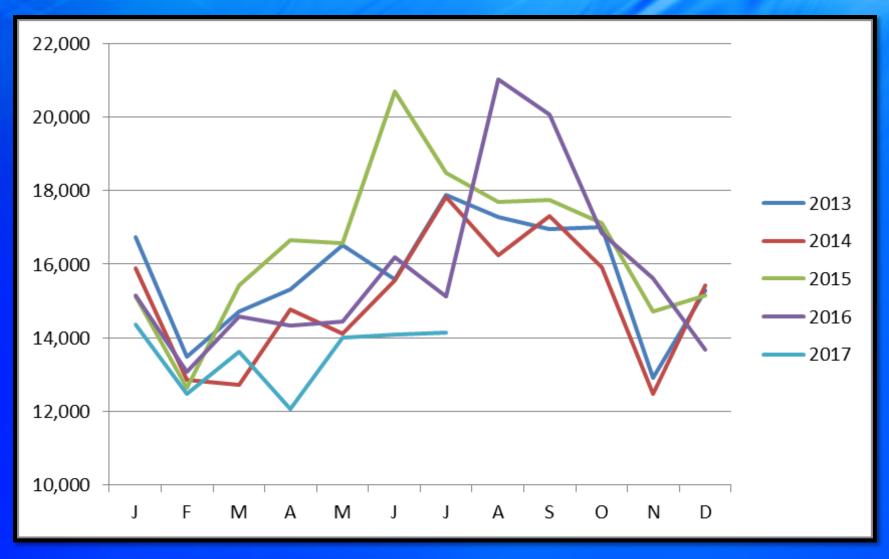
#### Water Use Allocations and Surcharges

- Same allocation for all single family residential customers regardless of property size and not based on previous use.
- Customized allocation for dedicated landscape customers.

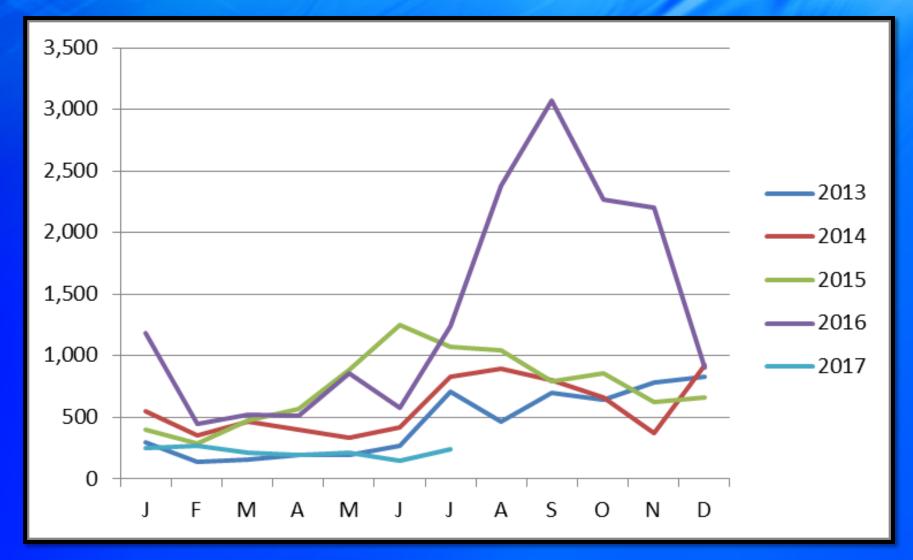
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2013 Average	10	9	9	11	14	16	19	19	19	17	17	14
Target (units)	9	9	9	9	12	13	16	16	16	14	14	12
Target (gallons)	6,732	6,732	6,732	6,732	8,976	9,724	11,968	11,968	11,968	10,472	10,472	8,976

Consumption	Rates	Total
50 units @ current rates	6 units @ \$4.06	\$24.36
	30 units @ \$4.51	\$135.30
	14 units @ \$4.96	\$69.44
DS1	6 units @ \$3.56	21.36
DS2	12 units @ \$7.13	85.56
Total Consumption Charge		\$336.02

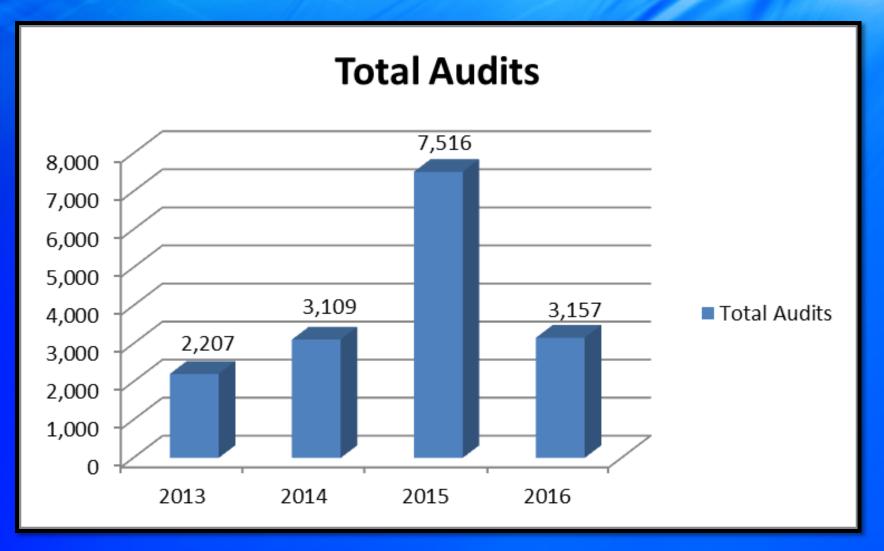
### **Customer Service Impact Total Calls to Customer Service**



### **Customer Service Impact Total Abandoned Calls**



### Water Conservation Audit: Program Participation

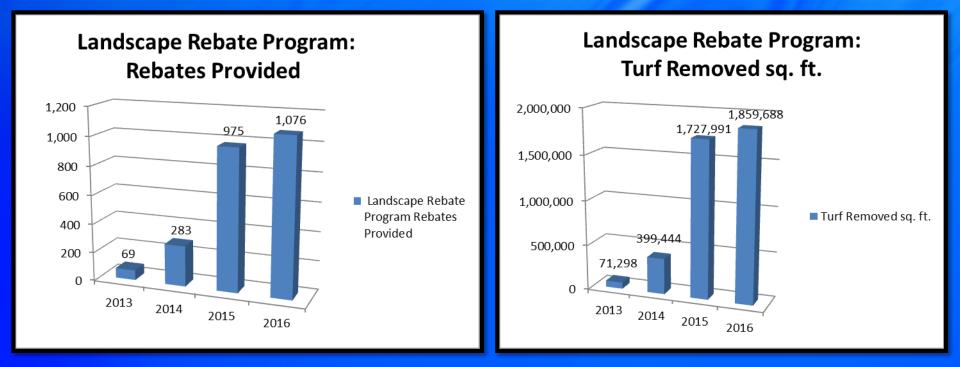


### Water Audit in Action



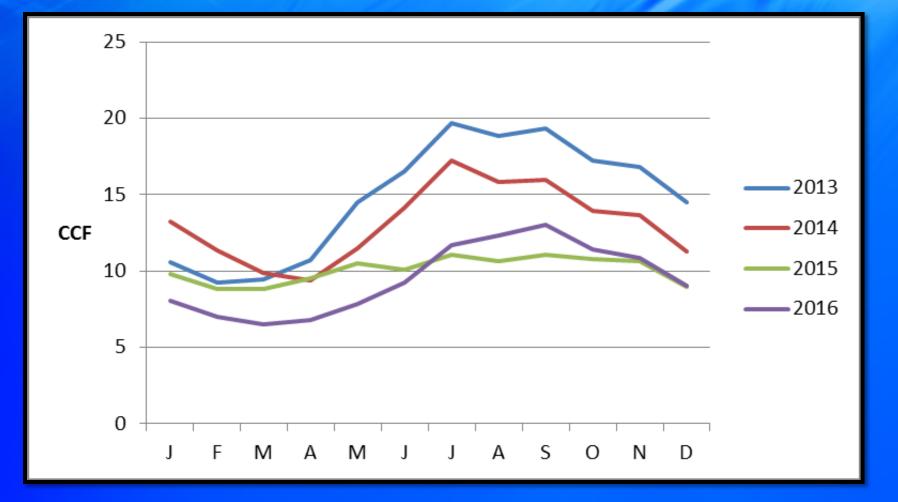


## Santa Clara Valley Water District: Landscape Rebate Program (Turf Removed)

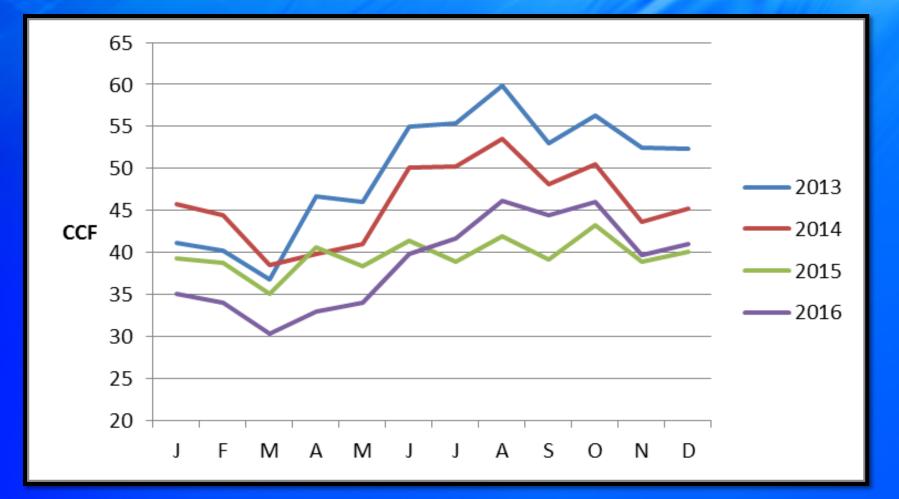


San Jose Water Company Customers

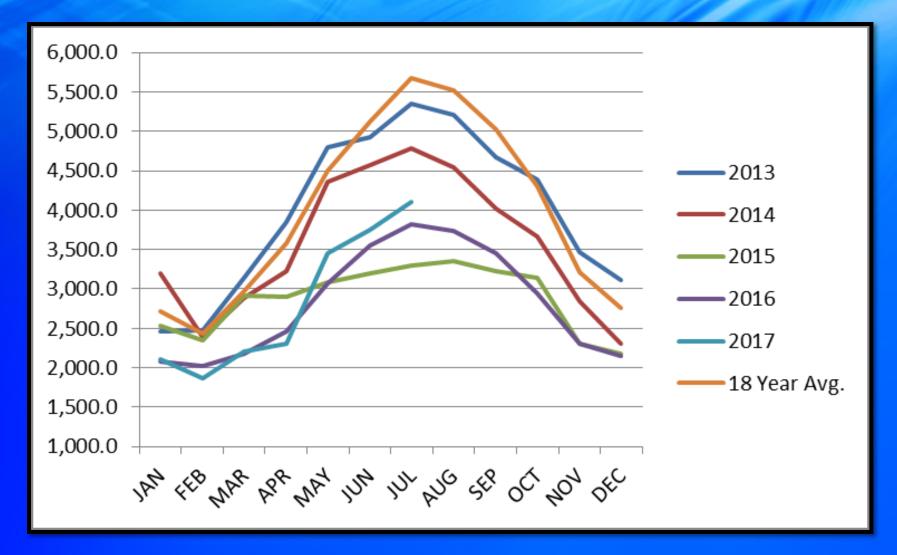
#### **Residential Customer Water Use**



### **Commercial Customer Water Use Reduction**



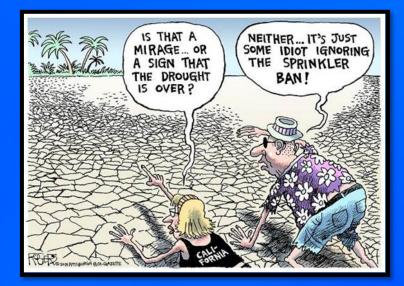
#### **Total Production**



#### What Was Learned

- Residential customers with the largest irrigated landscapes saw the largest increase in water bills and therefore had the greatest incentive to conserve.
- Customers are continuing to be efficient with their water use as total water use has yet to rebound to pre-drought levels

 No matter how the drought surcharge framework is established, not everyone will be satisfied.



#### **Thank You**

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