

Biggest water saving, guzzling districts

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Despite the governor's call for conservation amid a historic drought, California water agencies across the state collectively reported a 1 percent increase in water use in May 2014 compared to the same month over the previous three years.

The State Water Resources Control Board says changes in water use varied drastically across the state, with the south coast region, which includes Los Angeles, reporting an 8 percent increase and the Sacramento River region reporting a 13 percent decrease in use. The figures do not reflect per capita water use, which also varies widely by region, and do not differentiate between business and residential accounts.

The water board defines large suppliers as those serving more than 40,000 customers.

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These large suppliers reported the biggest increases in May water use among the 276 respondents to a state survey:

- City of Santa Ana (Orange County), 64 percent.
- City of San Juan Capistrano (Orange County), 37 percent.
- City of Garden Grove (Orange County), 32 percent.
- Rancho California Water District (Riverside County), 21 percent.
- El Toro Water District (Orange County), 20 percent.
- San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, 19 percent.
- Vallecitos Water District (north of San Diego), 18 percent.
- American Water Company Los Angeles District (Los Angeles County), 17 percent.
- Water Service Company Palos Verdes (Los Angeles County), 17 percent.
- City of Pasadena (Los Angeles County), 15 percent.

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These large suppliers reported the biggest decreases in May water use:

- City of Folsom (Sacramento County), 31 percent.
- City of Glendora (Los Angeles County), 26 percent.
- City of Gilroy (Santa Clara County), 25 percent.
- American Water Company Sacramento District (Sacramento County), 24 percent.

- City of Pleasanton (Alameda County), 23 percent.
- City of Ceres (Stanislaus County), 22 percent.
- City of Santa Rosa (Sonoma County), 22 percent.
- Sacramento Suburban Water District (Sacramento County), 21 percent.
- American Water Company Monterey District (Monterey County), 20 percent.
- City of Roseville (Placer County), 20 percent.