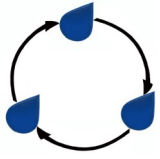
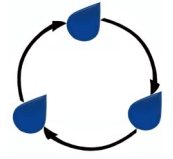


The County of Santa Cruz, Regional Water Management Foundation and the Santa Cruz Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) present:



Connecting the Drops Working Together for Water



Water Conservation

Key Points:

- 1) **The region has done well during the drought in terms of conservation.** Since May 2015, Santa Cruz County residents saved on average 28% compared to 2013, exceeding the state mandate of 25% savings.
- 2) **Heavy winter rains do not end the need for conservation.** The San Lorenzo River will take three average years of rainfall to recover to average base flow, and groundwater basins below the mid and South County area could take many years to recover from over-pumping even with conservation and managed aquifer recharge.
- 3) **Changing water use habits and hardware** like faucets and toilets can save water indoors. Since 20-30% of annual residential water use is outdoors, changing to a drought tolerant landscaping, watering less or reusing water are also excellent ways to save. Local water agencies offer resources for agriculture and residential water users to improve efficiency and save water.

More information available at:

- Regional water conservation website: www.watersavingtips.org
- Gardening and Monterey Bay Friendly Landscapes: Green-gardener.org
- State-wide water conservation info: SaveOurWater.com

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