

PRESS RELEASE
UPCOUNTRY WATER CONSERVATION ORDER LIFTED

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(Sutter Creek) The Amador Water Agency announced today that it is lifting the water conservation requirement for upcountry water customers.

AWA General Manager Gene Mancebo says the backwash pond at the Mace Meadow Golf Course is now below the two-foot freeboard emergency level, as determined by the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Dry weather, coupled with the Agency's agreement with the golf course allowing significant irrigation on the golf course, has reduced the pond level. Mancebo says the golf course will continue irrigating through this weekend, which will reduce the pond by at least another foot.

"We will be monitoring the weather and the pond level closely and work with the Golf Course Board to reactivate early irrigation before the pond reaches the two-foot freeboard elevation, should that be necessary," said Mancebo.

The voluntary water conservation order was lifted for all public water customers of Mace Meadows Mutual Water Co., Rabb Park Community Services District, Pine Grove Community Services District and AWA's CAWP Retail System.

"We want to thank all of the upcountry water users for their cooperation in conserving water over the past month," said Mancebo. "When we ask for help, our customers always go above and beyond."

AWA Operations Manager Chris McKeage has been working on installing a filter system to recycle the backwash water that flows into the Mace Meadow storage pond. McKeage said Agency crews are on track to have the second-hand backwash recycling plant online in two weeks. It's expected that recycling will reduce backwash to the ponds by at least 80%.

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