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Vandenberg Village Cuts Water Use by 27 Percent

Vandenberg Village, CA, October 31, 2014. Vandenberg Village Community Services District (VVCSD) customers reduced their monthly water usage by the largest amount so far this year. Twenty-seven percent less water was used in October 2014 compared to the same month last year, exceeding the Governor's 20-percent goal.

VVCSD relies totally on groundwater extracted through three large, municipal wells in the Lompoc Uplands aquifer. The aquifer has a storage capacity of 400,000 acre-feet of water and groundwater levels have dropped little during the drought. Still, the community services district which pumps about 1,500 acre-feet per year, ramped up its water conservation program and has called upon village residents to cut back on water.

According to Operations & Maintenance Manager Mike Garner, water use has steadily declined every month since March. "Since January 1, we're down 15 percent overall", Garner reported. Many homeowners and large irrigation customers have reduced durations and frequencies of watering landscape. This has been a big factor in water conservation because in Vandenberg Village about 60 percent of all water is used outdoors.

VVCSD is an independent special district that provides water and wastewater services to a community of 6,500 people in northern Santa Barbara County. It is governed by a five-member, elected board of directors.

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