

## IMPORTANT NOTICE – PLEASE READ

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### **Notice of State Water Resources Control Board Emergency Regulation to Control Water Use During Droughts**

Lake Alpine Water Company (LAWC) has been ordered by the California Public Utilities Commission to notify its customers of the State Water Resources Control Board's (State Board) recent adoption of emergency regulations for statewide urban water conservation, including mandatory restrictions and potential fines for violations of the State Board's regulations. This notification is being sent because California is in a drought, and your cooperation is needed to ensure reliable supplies of water for your comfort and necessary use.

The State Board has determined that the following water use activities by LAWC customers are not allowed:

1. Watering outdoor landscapes in a way that causes water to "runoff" onto adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, parking lots, or structures.
2. Washing a vehicle with a hose without a shut-off nozzle or other device that will immediately stop the flow of water when not in use.
3. Using drinking water to wash driveways and sidewalks.
4. Using drinking water in a fountain or other decorative water feature, except where the water is recirculated.

**Violation of any of these four prohibited or restricted water use activities may be punished by a fine of up to five hundred dollars (\$500) for each day in which the violation occurs.**

Please note that such fines are a last resort and that they may be assessed only by local law enforcement authorities. LAWC would like to thank its customers who have voluntarily conserved water up to this point and asks that you continue these efforts and comply with the State Board's new restrictions on outdoor water use.

In addition to the four prohibited activities listed above, the State Board's new regulations require LAWC to inform their customers that they must limit outdoor irrigation of ornamental landscapes or turf with drinking water to no more than two days per week. LAWC recommends that customers continue to comply with the Bear Valley Residents Inc. CC&Rs by limiting landscape plants to native vegetation, removing dead trees and maintaining a fire defensible space.

Further information may be obtained from LAWC's local business office at 209-753-2409. Again, Lake Alpine Water Company wants to thank you in advance for helping us manage what has become the most serious drought in California's history.