

## **The 20X2020 Plan**

On February 28, 2008 Governor Schwarzenegger introduced a seven-part comprehensive plan for improving the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The Governor wrote "Conservation is one of the key ways to provide water for Californians and protect and improve the Delta eco system."

As part of the plan, the Governor directed state agencies to prepare and implement a program to achieve a 20% reduction in state wide average per capita water use by the year 2020. This program is known as the 20x2020 Plan. Several state agencies involved in water planning have formed the 20x2020 Team. This team consists of five state agencies: Department of Water Resources (DWR), State Water Resources control Board (SWRCB), California Energy Commission (CEC), Department of Public Health (DPH), and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). The US Bureau of Reclamation (USBR), a federal agency is also participating. The current legislation AB 49 is calling for the state to achieve a 20% reduction in urban per capita water use by December 31, 2020.

With the immanent implementation of the Governor's 20x2020 Plan, Carmichael Water District is faced with several challenges in order to comply with the state and legislative water use reductions. Some of the Districts struggles are:

- Plan, organize and execute additional comprehensive water saving incentives.
- Educate customers of Carmichael Water District on the state 20x2020 Team activities.
- Apply and enforce restrictions on outdoor water use.
- Deal with an increase in operational cost due to state imposed reductions.

What does this mean to customer of Carmichael Water District?

- The District is asking our customers to participate in voluntary conservation programs such as Water Audits and Irrigation Check-Ups.
- Customers will need to comply with the Districts "Five Point" water conservation program.
- The District may be forced to implement strict reductions on outdoor water use.
- In order to finance the Governor's plan customers may be faced with an increase in the consumptive charge on water use, fines for water waste, and or surcharges.

Water shortages in California are not a possibility but rather a fact. Residents of Carmichael need to be aware of State administrative and legislative actions that will affect the way we use this precious natural resource. For further information or to learn about our water conservation incentive programs please visit our conservation section on this website or call us at (916) 483-2452.