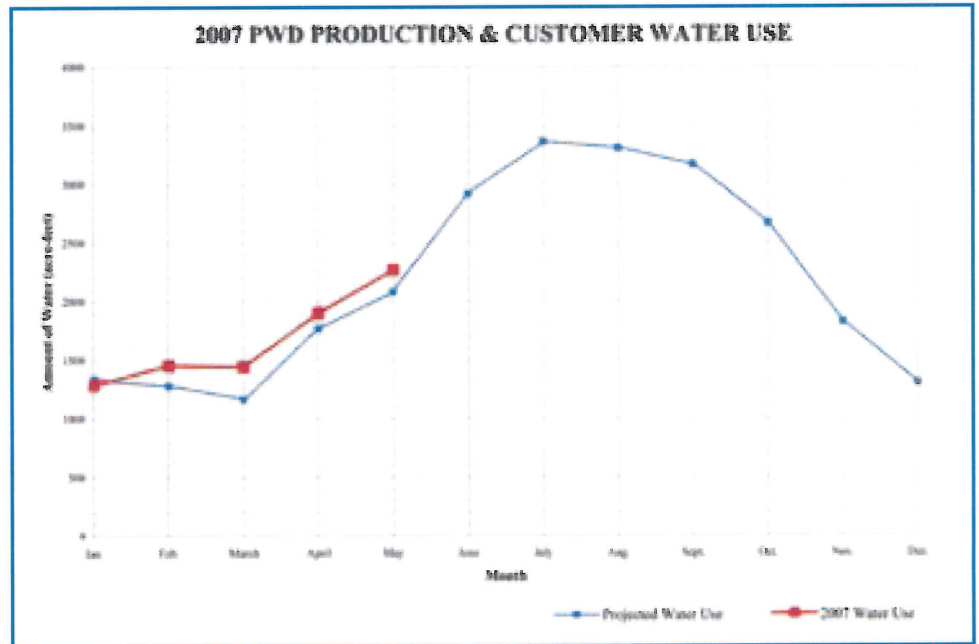


# PWD Requests Customers Reduce Water Use by 15%

The Antelope Valley is experiencing water supply shortages. These shortages are due to inadequate snowfall and rainfall locally and in the Sierras, opposition to the development and construction of water supply facilities, and legal restrictions on the flow of State Water Project water to Southern California. To make matters worse, ground water supplies, which are a limited, supplemental source of water for PWD, could be further limited because of legal challenges arising from potential adjudication of the ground water basin. Adjudication of the ground water basin would mean that all ground water pumpers would be strictly limited to a judicially decided share of the available groundwater.

To reduce the risk and severity of a possible water shortage, the Palmdale Water District Board of Directors adopted a Voluntary Water Conservation Program May 23, 2007. This Program's goal is to reduce total customer water use by 15%. If everyone voluntarily participates, this goal can be achieved. However, if the goal is not reached and critical water shortages continue, PWD may be forced to consider further action to limit customer water use.

This table shows PWD's **Projected Water Use** along with how much water you, the consumers, are actually using. The blue line shows **Projected Water Use**. PWD calculates projected water use for the year based on a multi-year history of per capita use and projections for additional water service connections. The red line shows **Actual 2007 Water Use**. As you can see, **Actual 2007 Water Use** is already well above **Projected Water Use**.



Follow these tips to help achieve the 15% water use reduction goal:

- Adjust sprinklers and irrigation systems to avoid overspray, runoff, and waste;
- Avoid watering in the hot of the day, on windy days, and between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.;
- Install new drought-tolerant landscaping, low-water-using trees and plants, and efficient irrigation systems;
- Shut off decorative fountains unless a water recycling system is used;
- Do not hose down driveways, sidewalks, and other paved surfaces, except for health or sanitary reasons;
- Install pool and spa covers to minimize water loss due to evaporation;
- Do not allow the hose to run while washing any vehicle and use a bucket or a hose with an automatic cutoff valve;
- Retrofit indoor plumbing fixtures with low-flow devices;
- Check faucets, toilets, and pipes, both indoor and outdoor including house service laterals and sprinkler piping, for leaks and repair them immediately or upon demand of the District;
- Restaurants, hotels, cafes, cafeterias, or other public places where food is sold, served, or offered for sale, should serve drinking water to any customer only upon request and display a notice to that effect. 