

CANYON GRANDA OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Dear Canyon Granada Owner,

As you know, California is in the midst of a drought and a recent order by the Governor requires that—in our area—we reduce water consumption by 36%. The enclosed April 21, 2015 letter by our local water agency details the restrictions just imposed.

In anticipation of this, your board completed the second phase of xeriscaping along South Palm Canyon this past week and, at our April 25 board meeting, authorized design work to commence for phase three (major thoroughfares must be converted first.) This project was aided by a 70%+ rebate by the City of Palm Springs and the Desert Water Agency (DWA). We are fast-tracking this next phase to be ready to apply for more rebate money when it becomes available, hopefully by July 1.

As well, approximately two years ago, we installed Smart Irrigation Controllers at no charge to the Association through another DWA program.

Unfortunately, more conservation measures are needed, so your board recently discussed the following to help accomplish this mandated reduction:

- We are not planting summer flowers this season and are capping irrigation in those areas.
- The entry fountain will remain dry for now and will be filled with river rock to avoid any trip-and-fall hazards.
- Owners are prohibited from planting annuals in exclusive areas irrigated by Association valves.
- Owners are encouraged to replace existing old toilets with 1.28 gallon low-flow units. Unfortunately, funds for the DWA's toilet rebate program are depleted. As a cost mediation measure, though, owners may wish to investigate bulk purchase. This was done several years ago with the installation of multiple air conditioning units and significant cost savings were realized.
- Low-flow shower heads and faucets should be installed.
- Leaky faucets and toilets should be repaired

With the mandatory and immediate requirement that we water only on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., we already know there will be substantial landscape browning during the coming summer months. We are hopeful that minimal permanent damage to plantings will occur, but that is always a possibility, especially if we have a dry summer.

While many of the above actions are dependent upon the voluntary cooperation of Canyon Granada owners, our efforts are undertaken with the express purpose of us avoiding—as an association—fines and even more draconian measures should these mandatory targets not be met. Even if violations occur with only one of two owners, ALL Canyon Granada owners will bear the ultimate costs, so we are asking for a concerted effort by everyone.

We encourage all owners and residents to be extra vigilant for broken sprinklers, overspray, etc. during the coming months and thank you for your ongoing assistance. We are always open to your suggestions and questions.

Sincerely,

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