

Conejo Recreation & Park District

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DATE: July 16, 2015
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Jim Friedl, General Manager
SUBJECT: California's Severe Drought and Conejo Recreation and Park District's Response in Terms of Water Conservation Recommendations

RECOMMENDATIONS

Information item only requiring no action by the Board of Directors.

DISCUSSION

On May 7, 2015, the Board directed staff to provide monthly reports of the District's water use and water savings projects and activities to date.

Water Use

Attached is the monthly water use report, including:

- Water use from June 1, 2015 to February 28, 2016 as compared to June 1, 2013 to February 28, 2014 (by Districtwide, and by water agency).
- District's Water Usage per Acre (All Funds)
- Overall Water Costs (All Funds)
- Rainfall

(NOTE: Data as of July 7, 2015 - full data for the prior month is generally available the end of the current month – estimated 62% of usage is recorded)

Water Savings Projects and Activities

- Capital Projects
 - Convert to Reclaimed Water at North Ranch Neighborhood Park
 - Estimated out to bid in August 2015
 - Irrigation Booster Pump Replacement at Conejo Creek South
 - Implementation end of July 2015
 - Convert Small Turf Areas to Decomposed Granite, Mulch, Concrete at Wildflower Playfield
 - Turf rebate application submitted beginning of July 2015
 - Project implementation when rebate approved (estimated September 2015)
 - Additional Turf Conversions at Conejo Creek West (Dog Park)
 - Turf rebate application submitted beginning of July 2015
 - Project implementation when rebate approved (estimated September 2015)
- Hiring Irrigation Technician
 - Applications closed on June 29, 2015
 - Interviews in July 2015
 - Estimated hiring in August 2015
- Modifying Turf Refurbishments
 - Continuing at several sites
- Water Einstein – soil moisture sensor and monitoring coordinated with existing controller at:
 - Conejo Creek South
 - Rancho Conejo Playfield or Del Prado Playfield
- Bio Char implementation by end of July 2015 at:
 - Kimber Neighborhood Park
 - Oakbrook Neighborhood Park (West)
- Turf Conversions
 - Water shut off at all locations, approximately 40 acres
 - Turf rebate applications submitted for
 - Beginning in June (estimated approval mid-July 2015; projects implementation in August 2015)
 - Russell Neighborhood Park
 - Russell Access Strips
 - Sunset Hills Neighborhood Park
 - Sycamore Canyon Neighborhood Park

- Beginning in July (estimated approval mid-August 2015; project implementation September 2015)
 - North Ranch Playfield
 - Wendy Neighborhood Park
 - Walnut Grove Neighborhood Park
- As of July 9, 2015, Metropolitan Water District is no longer offering turf removal incentives region-wide. Staff is submitting additional areas to be on a waitlist to be considered in the fall; potential local water agency incentives may be available.
- Waiver for Watering Operations
 - Approved for all three water agencies
- Public Outreach
 - Website updated - information, maps of turf conversion areas (www.crpd.org/water)
 - On-site signage for turf conversions, modified field refurbishments

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPLIANCE

Meets 2015 Strategic Plan Element 6.9: Evaluate enhanced recycling and energy conservation practices. Evaluate and enhance our recycling and energy conservation practices within the District and at District properties and events to assure that we continuously improve the District's recycling, energy conservation, resource utilization and related practices.

Respectfully submitted by,



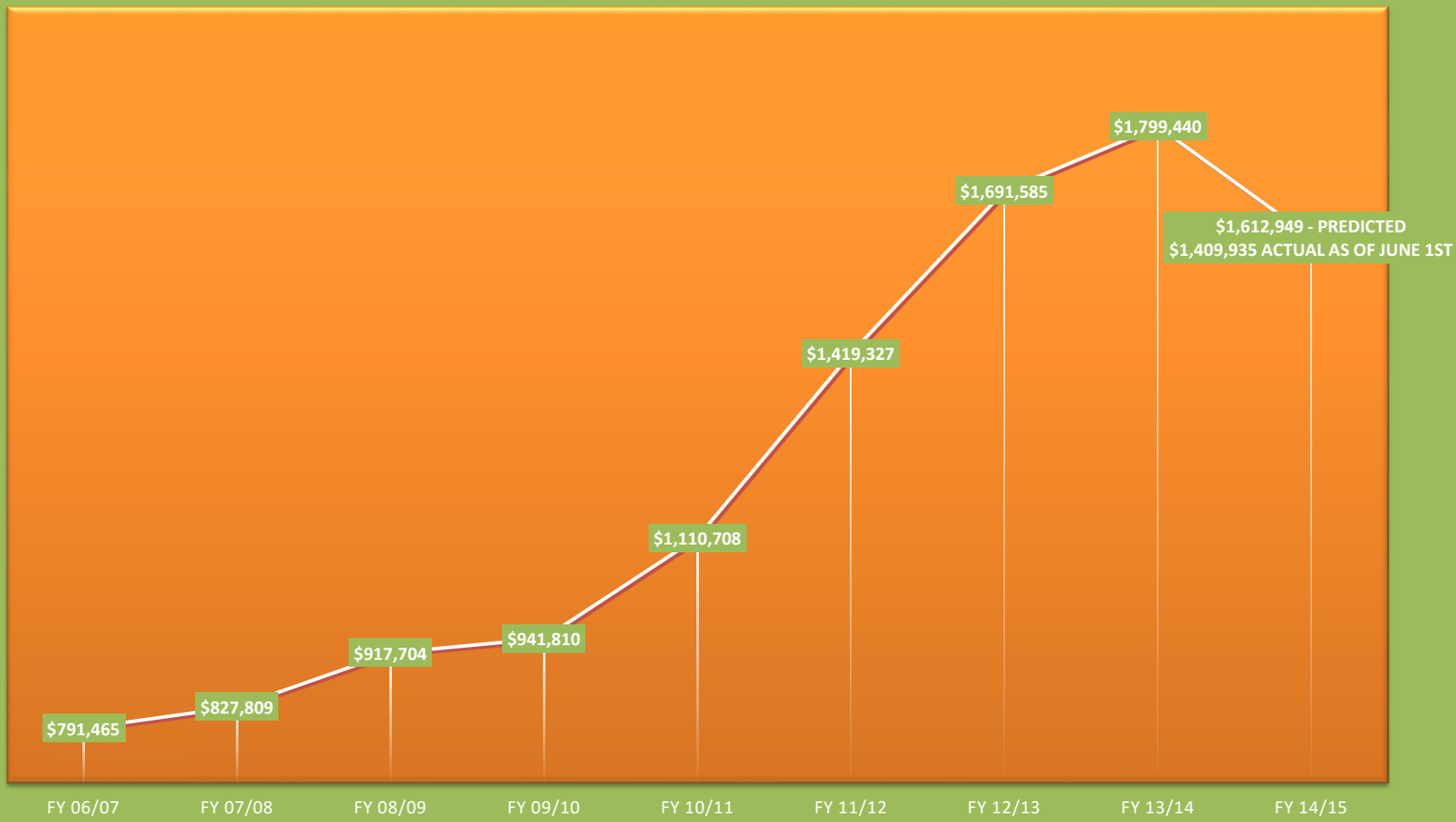
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Attachments

CONEJO RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT WATER USAGE PER ACRE (ALL FUNDS)



CONEJO RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT OVERALL WATER COST (ALL FUNDS)



CONEJO RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
RAINFALL AS OF JULY 1 - JUNE 1

