

Conejo Recreation & Park District

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DATE: October 15, 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, 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 October 7, 2015 - full data for the prior month is generally available the end of the current month – estimated 70% of usage is recorded)

Water Savings Projects and Activities

- Capital Projects
 - Convert to Reclaimed Water at North Ranch Neighborhood Park
 - Bid award recommendation October 15, 2015

- Irrigation Booster Pump Replacement at Conejo Creek South
 - Implementation estimated beginning of November 2015
- Convert Small Turf Areas to Decomposed Granite, Mulch, Concrete at Wildflower Playfield
 - Turf rebate application approved (NTE \$21,500)
 - Implementation estimated October 2015
- Additional Turf Conversions at Conejo Creek West (Dog Park)
 - Turf rebate application approved (NTE \$50,000)
 - Decomposed granite purchase recommendation October 15, 2015
 - Implementation estimated November 2015
- Hiring Irrigation Technician
 - Started mid-September 2015
- Modifying Turf Refurbishments
 - Ongoing
- Bio Char results monitoring (implementation 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 approved for
 - Project completion estimated October 2015
 - Sunset Hills Neighborhood Park (NTE \$50,000)
 - Project implementations estimated November 2015
 - Russell Access Strips (NTE approximately \$30,000 per strip)
 - Russell Neighborhood Park (NTE \$50,000)
 - Project implementations estimated December 2015
 - North Ranch Playfield (NTE \$35,700)
 - Wendy Neighborhood Park (NTE \$26,500)
 - Walnut Grove Neighborhood Park (NTE (\$3,400)
 - Sycamore Neighborhood Park (NTE \$50,000)
 - As of July 9, 2015, Metropolitan Water District is no longer offering turf removal incentives region-wide. Staff submitted 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.crpdpd.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,



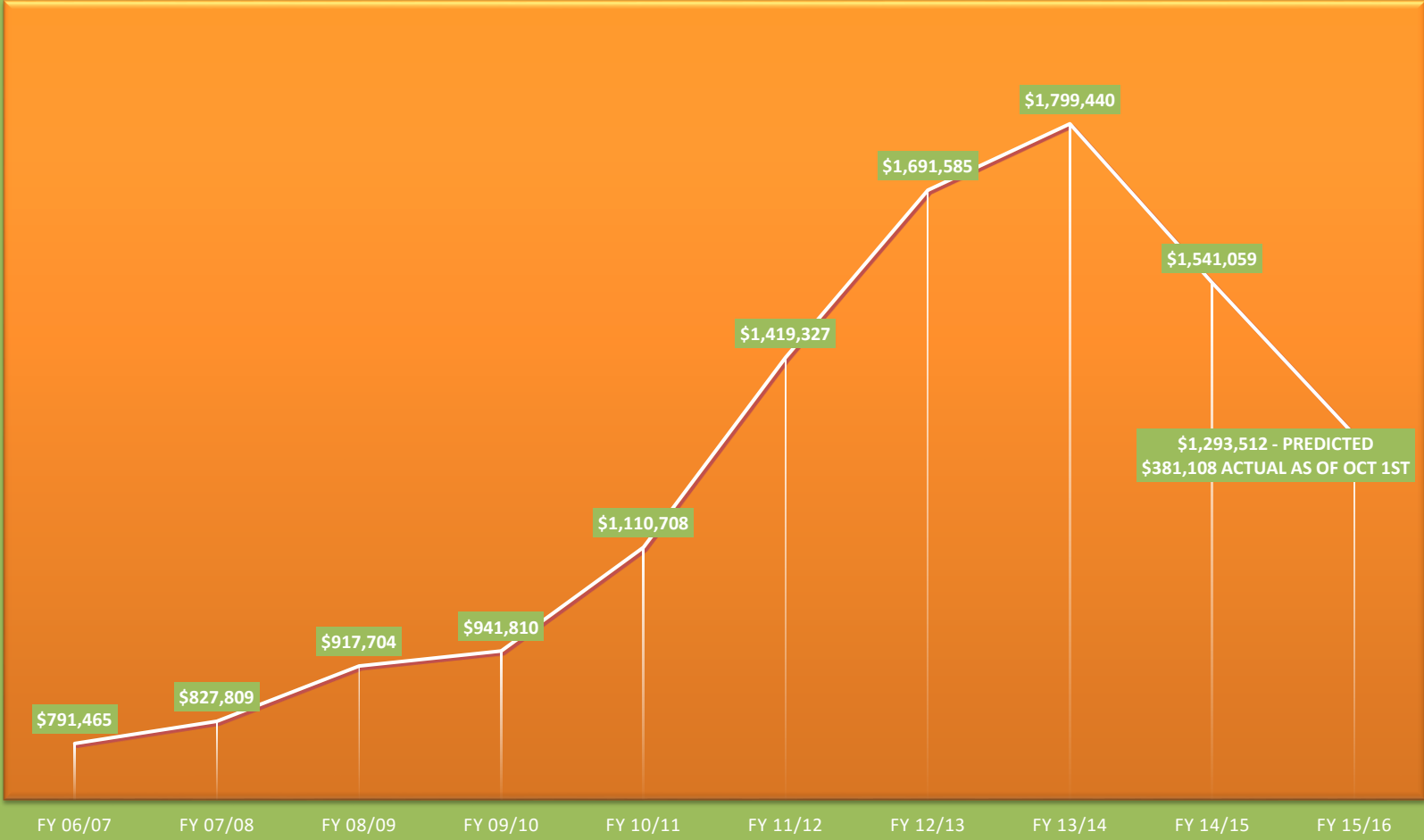
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Attachments

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 - OCTOBER 1

