

## **Mandatory Water Conservation**

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City Manager Paul Cayler met with me briefly on January 23 to discuss irrigation and the Association swimming pool in light of mandatory water conservation measures approved by the City Council the evening before.

As summarized in an article in *The Press Democrat*, “Cloverdale residents must curtail their water use by 25 percent compared to the same time last year” – effective immediately. Cayler said the City Council declared a Stage Two, which is called the “Community Cooperation Method.”

Cayler said he recognizes that many Clover Springs residents already conserve water and that the City thanks residents for their current efforts. He emphasized an important step now in this “Water Shortage Emergency” is to not turn on turf irrigation.

Cayler explained that turf irrigation by sprinklers is declared to be non-essential by the City Council and requests that residents “please turn off turf irrigation sprinklers.” The City is not irrigating its park turf.

“Landscaping is not a priority. Health and safety are going to be the priorities,” Cayler explained.

Cayler said it is essential to get the message out to the public to “use your water responsibly.”

Cayler also questioned me about the Association swimming pool, and I explained the process for maintaining the pool, which at times includes draining and replacing water. I assured him there are no plans for draining and replacing any portion of the pool water during this drought situation.

Given that the water conservation ordinance had just been approved the night before, I expect more details will be available in the coming weeks.