

Thank You

We just want to say thanks. Because of your water-saving efforts, our community's water reserves are in good shape. We appreciate you doing your part. Turn this page over to view the community's conservation results.



Truckee River Operating Agreement

After more than 25 years of negotiation and environmental studies, the Truckee River Operating Agreement (TROA) will go into effect by the end of this year. To Reno, Sparks and Washoe County residents, this means that upstream drought storage and drought reserves will nearly triple over time.

TROA solves several long-standing interstate, federal and regional disputes over the timing and use of Truckee River water. It also replaces an old and inflexible river management system. It does so by providing more efficient use of available reservoir storage and releases to meet modern-day demands. This includes the water needs of our community, as well as recreational uses and instream and wildlife needs for the entire river ecosystem.

“We have waited a very long time for TROA to be completed and it could not come at a more opportune time,” said Geno Martini, TMWA Board of Directors Chairman. “The agreement is the biggest and most important piece of TMWA’s drought management plan as it will triple the amount of water storage for the Truckee Meadows in drought years. This is an absolute game changer for our community.”

2015 Community Conservation Report

Starting May 1, 2015, we asked our customers to reduce their water use by at least 10% through the summer, because of the prolonged drought. We faced numerous challenges. Last winter's snowpack that feeds our water supply was the worst in recorded history. We also had the fifth warmest August and fourth warmest September on record. It was a challenging season, but...

...we asked our customers for help. And this is how you responded:



Turned off your sprinklers when it rained



Turned down your sprinklers by at least 10%



Didn't water between 11-7

3,651

homes and businesses were visited for water waste consultation

9,370

reports of water waste

1,739 audits of water use

3x Watered three times a week

Here is the good news

10.2%

10.2% was saved during the summer conservation campaign (compared to water usage in 2013).

37%

Only 37% of our upstream drought reserves were used.

5,000

remaining customers converted from flat rate to metered billing. Now everyone is paying for the water they use.



Saved enough water to leave Independence Lake, our biggest drought storage reservoir in the Sierra, untouched. The lake will be kept full for next year.

1,500,000,000

Saved over 1.5 billion gallons of water that is available for next summer, should we need it. That's enough water to serve 10,000 average households for a year.

All of this means our water supply is in good shape in case we experience another drought year in 2016.