



Over the past few weeks, the Town has received many questions about water conservation. With the help of our wonderful residents, we came up with a few questions and answers. We hope these answers make it easy to understand our local water supply and how drought mandates affect Yountville.

*Q: What is the current level of Rector Reservoir?*

A: Rector Reservoir is nearly full. However, this supply would only last about two (2) years if not replenished during the winter rainy season. Residents can contact the Veteran's Home for information regarding current levels. During Fiscal Year 2015, Yountville is entitled to 35% of that water. You can find a copy of the agreement [here](#).

*Q: How does water from the State Water Project and ground water contribute to the total 2015 allocations?*

A: It doesn't. The Town's water supply source is Rector Reservoir. We have an agreement to purchase water from the City of Napa in an emergency. We have a \$2M Drought Reserve Fund in our budget as well. Lastly, we have an emergency well which can supply domestic water on a limited basis.

*Q: What is the estimated 2015 Town wide water demand at current water use levels?*

A: Our current demand is met with Rector Reservoir at about 600 acre/feet per year.

*Q: Does Yountville provide water (non-recycled) to other users?*

A: There are some out-of-town customers who were grandfathered into our system when it was constructed before the Town was incorporated in 1965. We have 36 of these customers.

*Q: Are all users, including the Veteran's home, following the same drought protocols with regard to lawn irrigation?*

A: The Veteran's home is not subject to oversight by the Town, therefore we don't know what the Veteran's Home is doing to reduce water usage. Water restrictions differ based on agency size. For more information, please visit [www.drought.ca.gov](http://www.drought.ca.gov). To view what the Town of Yountville is doing, please visit [www.townofyountville.com/water](http://www.townofyountville.com/water).

*Q: How will the drought's financial impacts and regulations affect our local economy?*

A: That's a great question! The Town of Yountville's water operates as a business enterprise fund. We are not sure how these new regulations will impact our local economy, less water certainly could have a negative impact on tourism.

*Q: Can Yountville develop specific local drought measures that meet state mandates and at the same time provide more flexibility for local water users?*

A: The Town is in a Stage 1 Drought Emergency and has adopted additional regulations requested by the State Water Board to encourage conservation. We strongly feel that we must do our part in this drought and make sure the Rector Reservoir supply can last for several years. We have come up with a flexible plan so our residents are able to save water in an effective way. We encourage residents to sign up for our eNotifier, visit our social media pages (Facebook, Twitter) and become familiar with our comprehensive water conservation page on our website at [www.townofyountville.com/water](http://www.townofyountville.com/water).