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Long Beach Beats Governor's Mandate for Month of June

June 2015 water use down 19 percent compared to 2013

LONG BEACH, CA – Today, the Long Beach Water Department reports that residents and businesses exceeded Governor Brown's 16 percent mandate, set by the SWRCB for the month of June by an additional three percent. The city used about 4,380 acre-feet of water last month. Last month's water use is the lowest since 1956.

"Long Beach is off to an incredible start to meet the state's cutbacks," said Robert Garcia, Mayor of the City of Long Beach. "I'm very proud of the effort by our residents, businesses, schools and very own water department. We continue to lead statewide."

"Long Beach is off to a great start, but we have a long, hot summer ahead of us," said Harry Saltzgaver, President of the Board of Water Commissioners. "We have to continue conserving and permanently change the way we use water."

Long Beach Water is beginning a conservation campaign called "Mission H2O LB." A kick-off event with the Mayor's participation will happen on July 18th. Residents can sign up to receive updates on the campaign details and kick-off event at www.lbwater.org.

The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) has mandated Long Beach to cut its water use by 16 percent cumulatively compared to 2013 until February of next year.

Long Beach Water is an urban, Southern California retail water supply agency, and the standard in water conservation and environmental stewardship.

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