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Long Beach Breaks Conservation Record for Month of May

May 2015 water use down 20 percent compared to 2014 and 2013

LONG BEACH, CA – Today, the Long Beach Water Department reports that residents and businesses broke a new conservation record for the month of May. The city used about 4,280 acre-feet of water last month. The last time Long Beach used such a low amount of water in May was in 1958. Since then, Long Beach’s population has increased by 45 percent.

“I’m confident that Long Beach will go above and beyond to meet the state’s cutbacks,” said Robert Garcia, Mayor of the City of Long Beach. “We’ve got a good start, but we need to use this drought as an opportunity to permanently change the way we use water now and for the future.”

“This conservation record shows that Long Beach is ready to meet Governor Brown’s challenge,” said Harry Saltzgaver, President of the Board of Water Commissioners. “We need to continue this momentum.”

The State Water Resources Control Board has mandated Long Beach to cut its water use by 16 percent cumulatively compared to 2013 beginning this month 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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