

HVCA Members,

California is experiencing the driest January – March period on record. At the same time, we have experienced record high temperatures over the past few of weeks.

It is understandable the quantity of irrigation water used by members has greatly increased, but it is exceeding our allotment of canal water. This is evident by how much the water level in Oak Lake has dropped (see photo below). At the current rate of consumption, we only have a few days remaining before we can no longer pump irrigation water from Oak Lake.

The situation is becoming dire, and we need to temporarily curtail our use of irrigation water. Effective immediately, we are asking all members to turn off their automatic sprinkler systems and only water as absolutely needed and then for as short a period as possible. If this attempt to conserve water is unsuccessful, we will need to shut down the irrigation system pumps.

When the level of water in Oak Lake starts to recover, members will be notified. However, it is highly likely the board will need to impose irrigation watering restrictions for the remainder of this year.

Thank you,

Tamsen Taylor
HVCA Board President

