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Hopefully this is being sent to the correct person/department for Drought Water Conservation (your portal was given to me via another employee).

I've seen some of the suggestions being presented to help alleviate our drought, and I have a couple as well. Might have been offered already but doesn't hurt to suggest again in case not..

1) I have ALWAYS hated having to run the hot water faucet, especially upstairs, for what seems like forever just to get hot water. What a complete waste!! For those of us in two or more story homes, larger homes (our kids in El Cajon have a larger place and getting hot water in the rear bathroom takes even longer than ours!) and businesses might not the instant hybrid hot water heaters save a LOT of water? Turn it on - voila! Hot water instantly. Some of these units are individual - they are placed in locations that need it, like in my case upstairs. Some are instant at the water tank. And some are tankless, electric or gas, units. All of these have different benefits. I think maybe this could be pursued with many manufacturers possibly willing to drastically discount these units for mass sale - and maybe more people could actually afford them (I know we can't - we're on social security and raising our 5 & 8 year old grandchildren). Someone could do some research to see what the best type of unit would be for each type of building, i.e., multi-story, larger size, businesses, etc. Maybe contract with several companies providing these units and get them advertised with the Governments backing for water conservation. It not only saves water, but saves our frustration in getting hot water when we WANT IT! Wow - two for one!! If we (California) have the money it might be worthwhile to offer some incentives, i.e., rebates, as was done when analog switched to digital a few years back.

2) We have always tried to conserve water. For years and years before my Daddy died he had set up barrels and piping to collect rain water off the garage and workshop roofs to repurpose in his gardens. I still do that today and have taught my grandchildren as well - they just love to help!

We live in a small townhome complex and about 5 or 6 years ago my husband and I changed a lot of the sprinkler systems to drip lines to help prevent the excess water from just running down the streets. We are also considering using Turf Terminators (<http://turfterminators.com/>) to replace the 2 grassy areas however they are not permitted to do our size of property yet as we are considered a business and I guess they don't get rebates to cover the cost until possibly later this year - too bad. Maybe that's something you can also work to speed up - incentives for more companies to do what Turf Terminators is doing, and get EVERYONE approved for their work, not just the smaller places. I am pretty sure we'll get a lot more people changing to drought tolerant landscaping that way. I know I've "friended" their Facebook page and been telling all my SoCal friends and family about them. My Mom has already signed up with them to go out and evaluate her lands (about 1/2 acre). Not only would it save water, and her water bill will be reduced, but she can also reduce what the landscapers are doing and save more money that way! WIN, WIN! (well.... except for the landscapers)!

Anyway, that's just my 2 cents. Can't just sit here and not offer suggestions since we're all in these together.