

Board of Directors

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DROUGHT WATCH

Recap of the Bureau of Reclamation's News Release dated October 6, 2015:

The Bureau of Reclamation's Central Valley Project began water year 2016 (Oct. 1, 2015, to Sept. 30, 2016) with 2.9 million acre-feet of water in six key CVP reservoirs which include Shasta and Trinity. This is 47 percent of the 15-year average annual carryover of 6.1 million acre-feet and 200,000 acre-feet less than the amount with which the Mid-Pacific Region began WY 2015 on Oct. 1, 2014.

For additional information please visit www.usbr.com.

The table below shows the capacity in both Shasta and Trinity reservoirs as of 10/1/15:

End of WY 2015 Storage in Million Acre-feet				
Reservoirs	Annual Storage Comparisons		15-Year Average Storage	
	2015	% of Capacity	% of 15 Year Avg	1999-2015
CVP Reservoirs and Capacities				
Shasta 4.552	1.6	35	47	2.36
Trinity 2.448	.55	22	40	1.49

Plant Drought Tolerant Beauties!

This winter try adding drought resistant plants to your landscape. These plants benefit from the rain throughout the winter and spring, and are able to tolerate the lack of water and hot days throughout the summer. Here is small list of drought tolerant plants that we think would make a nice addition to any landscape: **Lewisia cotyledon 'Sunset Strain'** is a beautiful bloomer that has evergreen foliage and reaches a foot high; **Libertia peregrinans** consists of thin stiff orangey blades of tall grass that reaches 2 feet tall; **Helictotrichon sempervirens** consists of thin blue-gray blades of Mediterranean grass which grows in clumps that reach 2 to 3 feet tall; **Sempervivum** is a succulent with gray-green, pink-tipped rosettes from 2 to 5 inches across, grows into clumps spanning 2 feet or more and has reddish flowers that shoot from thin 2-foot-tall stems. Plant today for a colorful yet drought resistant landscape.

Water Conservation Update:

Your conservation efforts never go unnoticed. Keep up the good work!

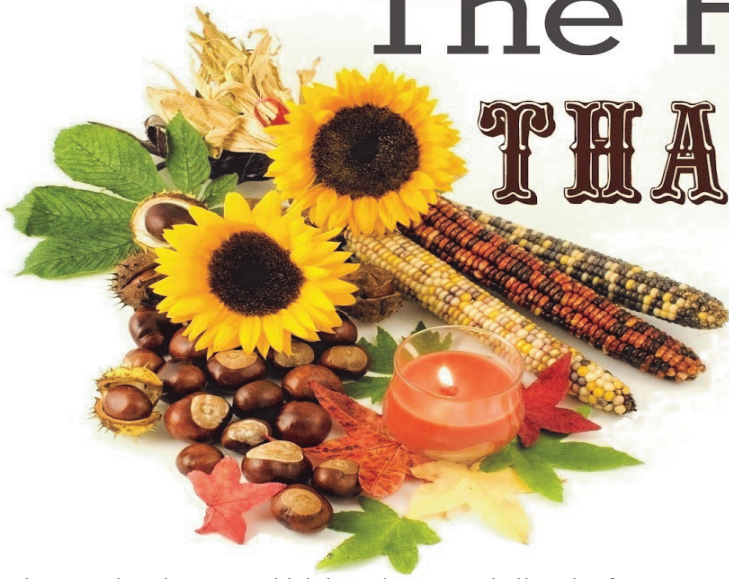
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
2015	51.1	46.3	74.3	86.8	124.7	158.1	183.1	179.8	154.9	140.3*
2013	56.3	63.0	81.6	117.3	201.8	240.1	294.0	281.5	212.2	166.6
Conservation	9%	26%	9%	26%	38%	34%	38%	36%	26%	16%

* Estimated

Quotable Quotes: Don't lose hope, you never know what tomorrow will bring.

Author Unknown

The History of THANKSGIVING



In November 1621, after the Pilgrims' first corn harvest proved successful, Governor William Bradford organized a celebratory feast and invited a group of the colony's Native American allies. The festival lasted three days and the feast is remembered as America's "first Thanksgiving". While no record exists of the historic banquet's exact menu, the Pilgrim chronicler Edward Winslow wrote in his journal that the Wampanoag guests arrived bearing five deer. Because the Pilgrims had no oven and the Mayflower's sugar supply had dwindled by the fall of 1621, the meal did not feature pies,

cakes or other desserts, which have become a hallmark of contemporary celebrations.

During the American Revolution, the Continental Congress designated one or more days of thanksgiving a year, and in 1789 George Washington issued the first Thanksgiving proclamation by the United States; calling upon Americans to express their gratitude for the happy conclusion to the country's war of independence and the successful ratification of the U.S. Constitution.

In 1827, Sarah Josepha Hale—author of the nursery rhyme "Mary Had a Little Lamb" launched a campaign to establish Thanksgiving as a national holiday. For 36 years, she published numerous editorials and sent scores of letters to governors, senators, presidents and other politicians. Abraham Lincoln finally heeded her request in 1863, where he scheduled Thanksgiving for the final Thursday in November. Sarah Josepha Hale also published recipes for what we now know as the Thanksgiving traditional meal of turkey, stuffing and pumpkin pie. However, the first pumpkin pie recipe was created by Francois Pierre la Varenne, a famous French chef in 1651. And you thought pumpkin pie was an American desert!

In 1939, Franklin D. Roosevelt moved the holiday up a week in an attempt to spur retail sales during the Great Depression. Roosevelt's plan, known derisively as "Franksgiving", was met with opposition, and in 1941 the president reluctantly signed a bill moving Thanksgiving back to the fourth Thursday in November.



The presidential turkey pardon was once merely a presentation, it was not until the first President George Bush officially used the word "pardon" during the ceremony in 1989 that the custom formally began.

Source: History.com

Happy Thanksgiving
From all of us at Centerville CSD.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

The next scheduled Board of Director's Meeting will be held Wednesday, November 18th, at 7:00 pm., at the District Office.

The public is always encouraged to attend.

Average Water Usage for the month: Compare the usage on your water bill with the average of the District.

October's Average: 4,100 cubic - feet.