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BORREGO WATER COALITION MEMBERS HAVE TAKEN A BITE OUT OF THE BORREGO VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN OVERDRAFT

BORREGO SPRINGS, CA (June 10, 2016): The Borrego Water Coalition (“the Coalition”) members represent approximately 80% of the annual withdrawals from the Borrego Valley Groundwater Basin. Coalition members have been meeting monthly for over three years working on recommendations for a water sustainability policy for the Valley, and to better understand the BVGB’s overdraft and what it will take to ensure a sustainable and affordable supply of potable (drinkable) water for the community. During this same period, individual Coalition members have been actively pursuing water saving measures on their own, measures the Coalition is pleased to report when taken as a whole will contribute savings of approximately 2,035 acre feet per year (AFY)..

Coalition Members Conserving Water:

	AFY>> -2,035	Description (all numbers are \cong)
Seley Ranch	205	9.07% reduction from reducing acreage (14 acres), and tree count per acre through planting configuration (18 acres); Improved metering via Hortau system (automated electronic water depth measuring system), in addition to CIMuS; re-landscape housing to remove 50+% of turf; adding quick flush filters found by Borrego Farms.
Borrego Springs Resort & Spa	510	1098.99 AF (FYE June 30, 2010) - FYE 2015 589.46 = 509.53AF savings; 509.53AF/1098.99AF= 46.36%; most of that reduction came from shutting down nine of the BSR’s 27 holes; the rest from the computerized sprinkler system, and the study conducted for redesign of course to reduce turf by 200 acres at 6 AFY.
de Anza Country Club	430	Based on BWD estimate of 7 AFY = 1,200 AFY; reduced turf by 25%; #770's down 33%; replaced pumps and hardware; added 'fertigator' to allow water to penetrate better.
Christmas Circle Community Park	TBD	Revising plan to remove unusable space and removed dead trees; changed toilet configurations; will measure results over time via meters.
Borrego Water District	500	2700 to 2200 AFY (25% reduction); saved 8% in the time zone required under state mandate; targeted .33 AFY average household usage; irrigation auditor provided huge value to individual households; fallowing of the 9-hole Club Circle municipal course will reduce 65.58 AFY alone.
Anza-Borrego Desert State Park	TBD	Working under mandate to reduce usage by 25%; replacing leaking pipes, hardware, token driven showers; reducing irrigation for Visitor Center; reduce by 11-12% so far; educational programs for water use.

Borrego Farms	TBD	Sized microsprinklers (bi-weekly) to size of tree and for replacement; replace hoses with high quality ones to prevent leaks; valves have pressure gauges for consistency; meters reviewed after every watering cycle to identify variances that may look like leaks; added mulch; have tensiometers (38), added quick flush filters; seasonal irrigation SIMuS.
The Springs at Borrego RV Resort and RoadRunner Club	TBD	Reduced water by 30% with some implications to aesthetics; during overseed, this reduction will not be doable, so reduced amount of reseeding; looking into verti-seeder to plow seed into turf; fallowed 27 acres lemons.
Rams Hill Golf Club	400	Currently reduced golf course irrigation from 1,200 AFY to 800 AFY, using non-potable water instead of potable water and saved 130 million gallons per year; replaced non-native with draught tolerant native landscaping; As a result of reducing water usage and fallowing farm land, Rams Hill is responsible for saving a total of 391 million gallons annually; utilizing computer controlled irrigation system; systematically rotates solar powered pumping of six non-potable wells to maintain historic well water levels; built golf course bio-retention basins which collect storm water so it can percolate into and recharge the aquifer; studying plans to farm water by building numerous settling basins on upper rocky hillsides, and at the base of extensive flash flood berm/drainage ditch systems constructed around the perimeter of the 3,000 acre development; Plans on building homes with RU-52 foam concrete walls and Nexus eWater systems that save up to 34% of normal house water by filtering and recycling some household water for irrigation and toilet flushing.
Seaview Farms/Oasis Ranch Management	TBD	Started monitoring process; installed new meters on all wells; logging results for 12 months.
Borrego Springs Chamber of Commerce	TBD	Replaced leaky toilet flushes, and resealed sink faucets; replacing old irrigation system.

The Coalition's website is BorregoWaterCoalition.org.

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