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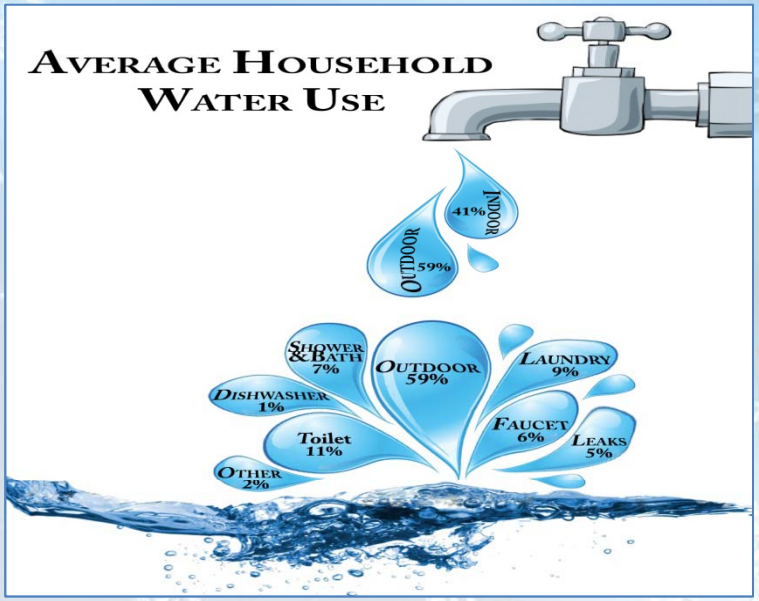
Why is This Important?

Water is California's most precious natural resource. How we manage it today will affect nearly every aspect of our future.



- Finite Resource
- Environmental factors
- Personal cost
- Energy Consumption
- California is in a historic drought!

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Program Process and Procedure

The rebate program offers Solano County residential and commercial residents a cash rebate for replacing thirsty lawn with drip-irrigated, low-water-use plants or permeable hardscape.

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Program Process and Procedure

STEPS TO PARTICIPATE

- Call the interns to schedule a brief Pre-Inspection visit to discuss plans and have the lawn area measured and approved.
  - 707.455.1113
- Await receipt of Notice to Proceed via mail (Approval in writing!)
- Remove the lawn area and install a water-wise garden or permeable hardscape.
- Call the interns again for a Post-Inspection visit upon completion.
- Provide at Post-Inspection, or mail in, your final completed Rebate Application along with a list of plants and materials used in the conversion.

1 Square Foot = $1.00

Residential/Commercial

1,000+ Square Feet = $1,000 Residential

5,000+ Square Feet = $5,000 Commercial

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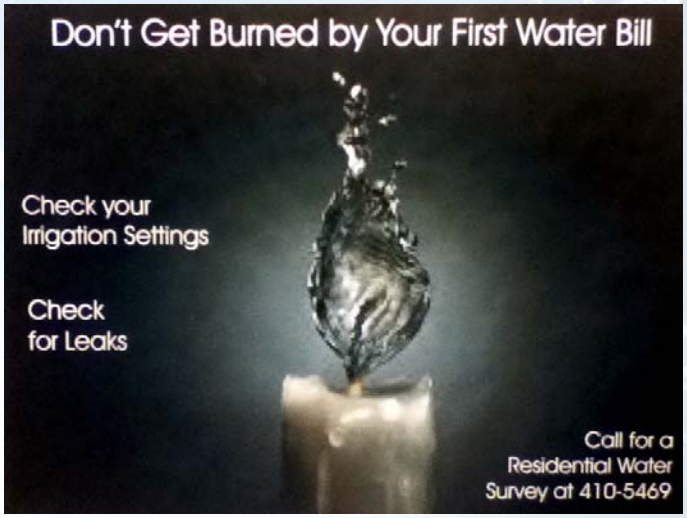
Helpful Resources

Advertisement for our other rebate programs:

- High Efficiency Toilets
- High Efficiency Washers
- Water Surveys



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Helpful Resources

DIY Sheet Mulching Guide

- A simple and cost effective way to convert your lawn, without the labor of ripping out the grass.
- Sheet mulching consists of a weed blocker, cardboard and newspaper, compost, and mulch on top.
- It kills the grass/weeds by blocking the light. Over time, the cardboard will decompose and enrich the soil.
- www.LoseYourLawn.org

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Helpful Resources

DIY Drip Irrigation Conversion Guide

- A simple way to convert your lawn sprinklers into a drip irrigation system.
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Helpful Resources

Nurseries Specializing in

Native and Drought Tolerant Plants:

- Annie's Annuals
- California Flora Nursery
- Hartland Nursery
- Morningsun Herb Farm
- Mostly Natives
- Native Here Nursery
- North Coast Natives
- Oaktown Nursery
- The Watershed Nursery

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Helpful Resources

Contractors and Designers

For a list of professionals, visit:
www.bayfriendlycoalition.org/QPdirectory.php

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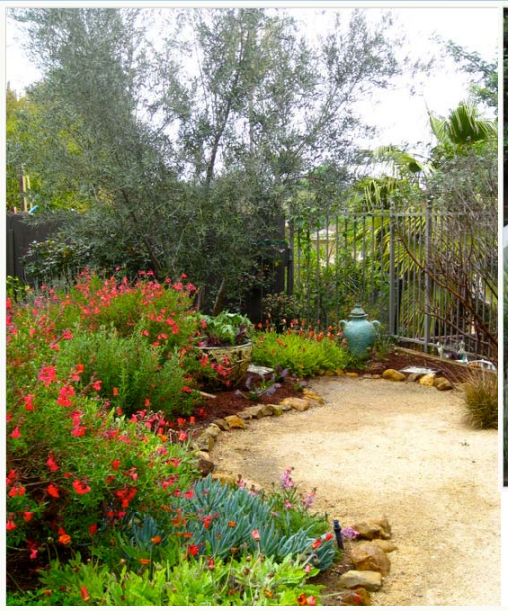

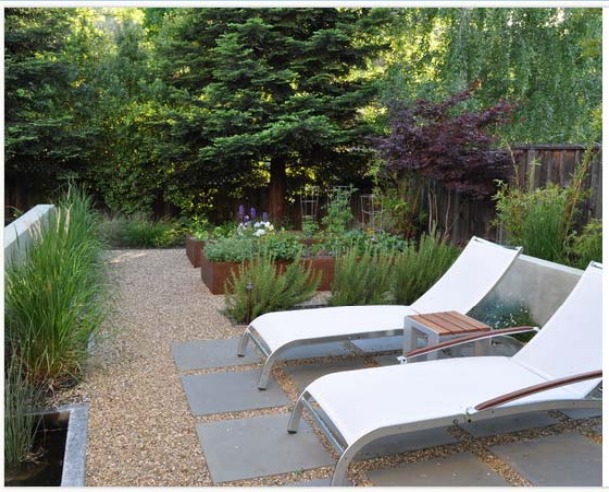

Garden Themed Pamphlets

A composition of various plant types that fit into the following themes:

- **Butterfly Gardens**
- **Rock Gardens**
- **Succulent Gardens**
- **Mediterranean Gardens**
- **California Native Gardens**

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Before & After Pictures

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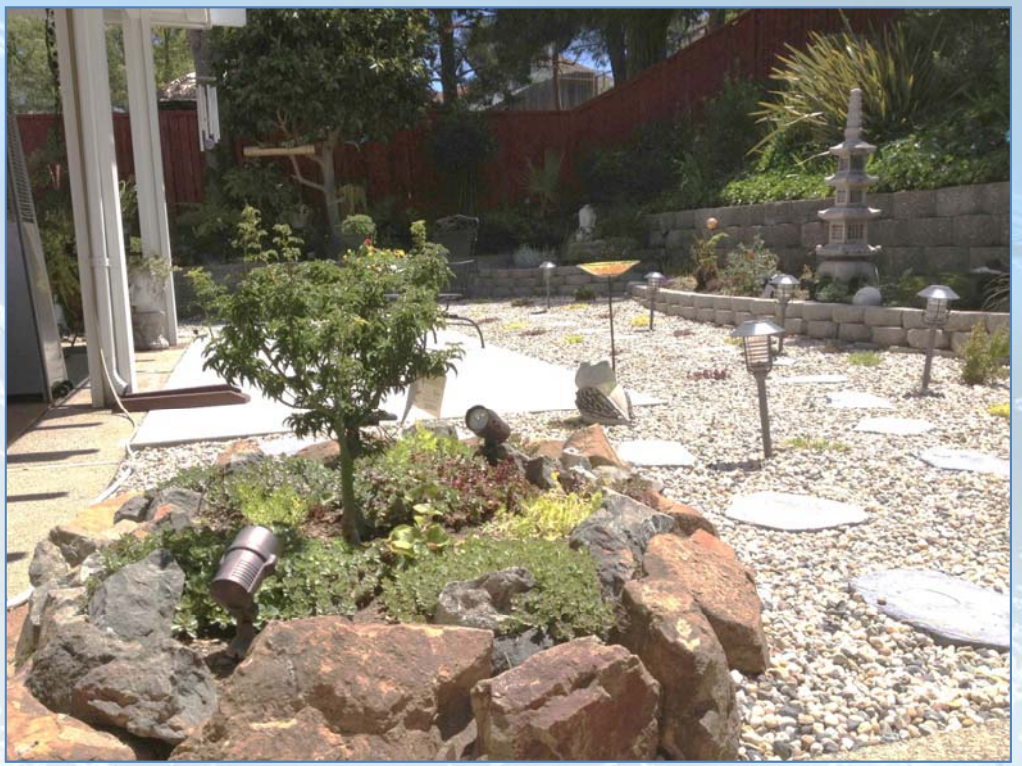

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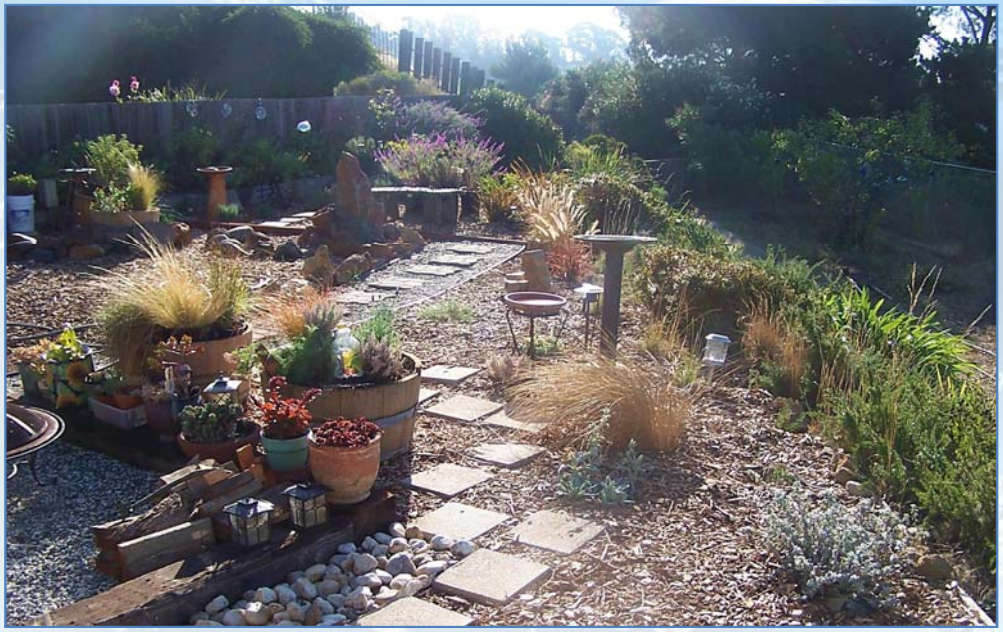

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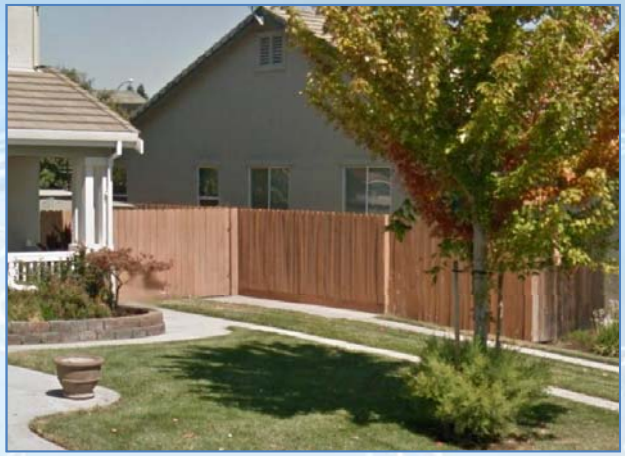

Before

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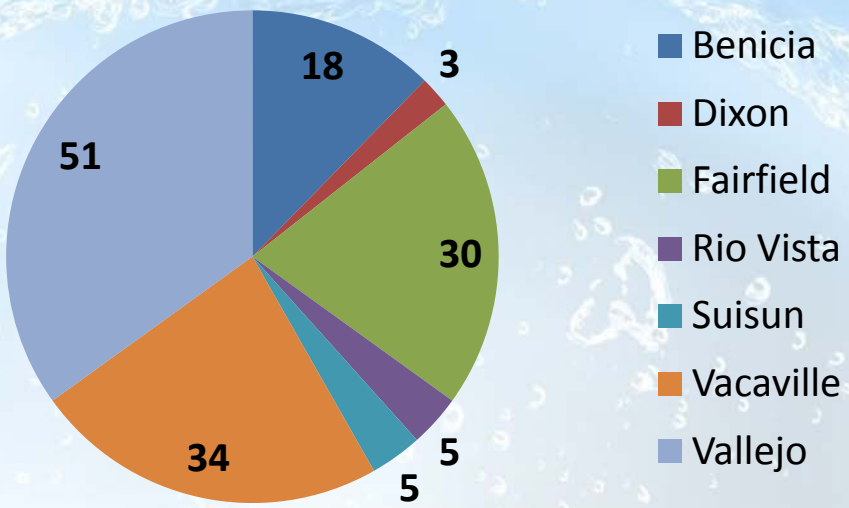
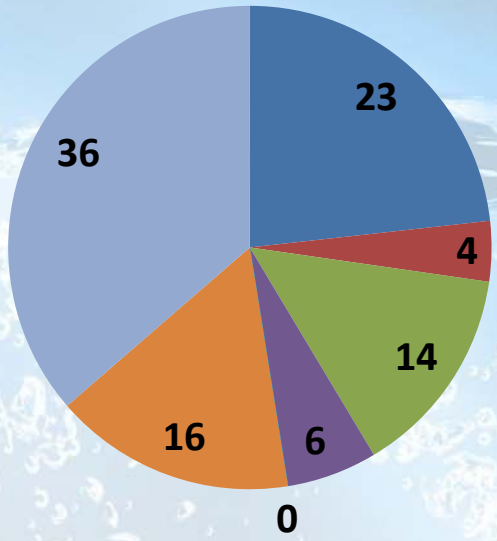
Annual Data Analysis

Post Inspections (completed projects) (FY 13/14)



Post Inspections (completed projects) (FY 14/15)



Totals for Post Inspections:

FY 13/14 had 146 Inspections

FY 14/15 has had 99 Inspections to Date

As of 09/16/2014

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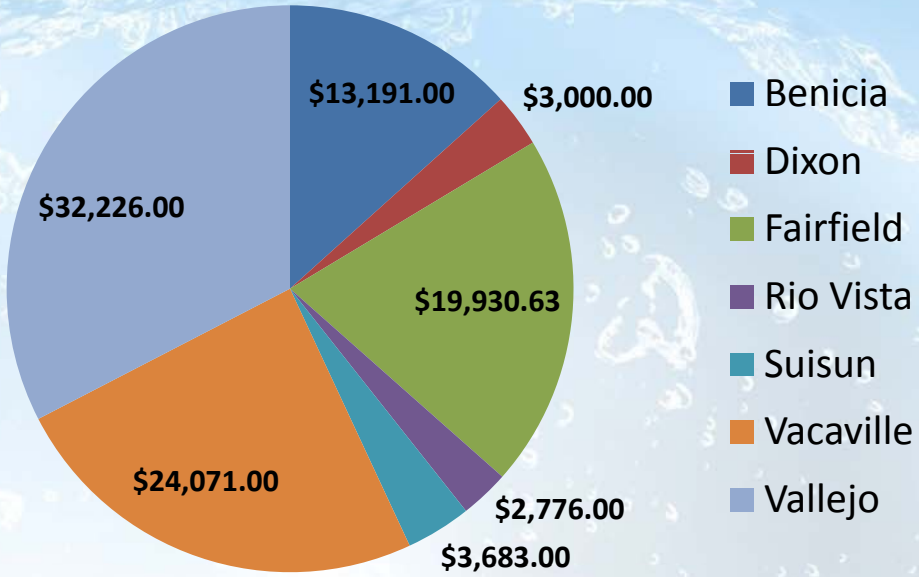
Cities by Dollars Rebated (FY13/14)



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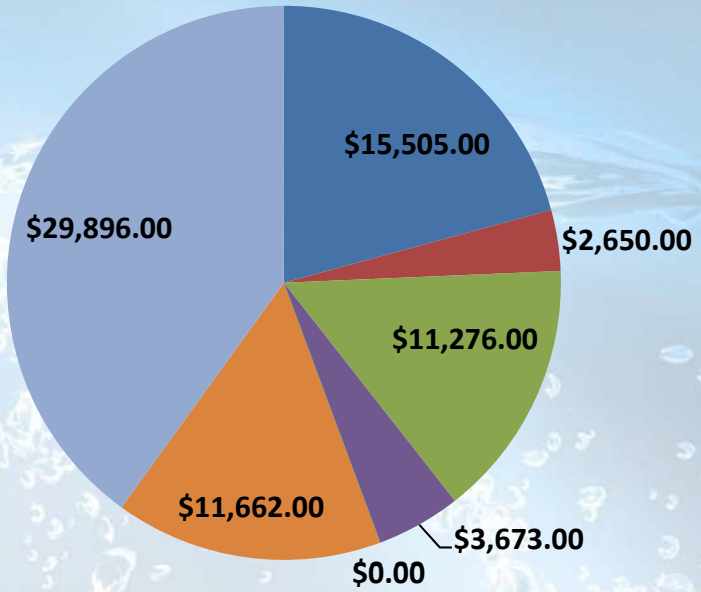

Totals for Dollars Rebated:

FY 13/14 had $98,874 in Rebates

FY 14/15 has had $74,662 in Rebates to Date

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Current Events & Plans For Improvement 2014/2015

- July 1st, 2014 we launched the Water-Efficient Landscape Rebate Program for the fourth time.
- We introduced our commercial rebate program which offers $1 per square foot of grass up to $5,000/5,000sq. ft.!
- Website Overhaul
- Route Planning & Inspection Windows
- Use of Media
- Advertising
- Educational Workshops in the Fall

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For more information:

- Visit:
  - www.SolanoSavesWater.org
  - www.Solano.WaterSavingPlants.com
- Call us at:
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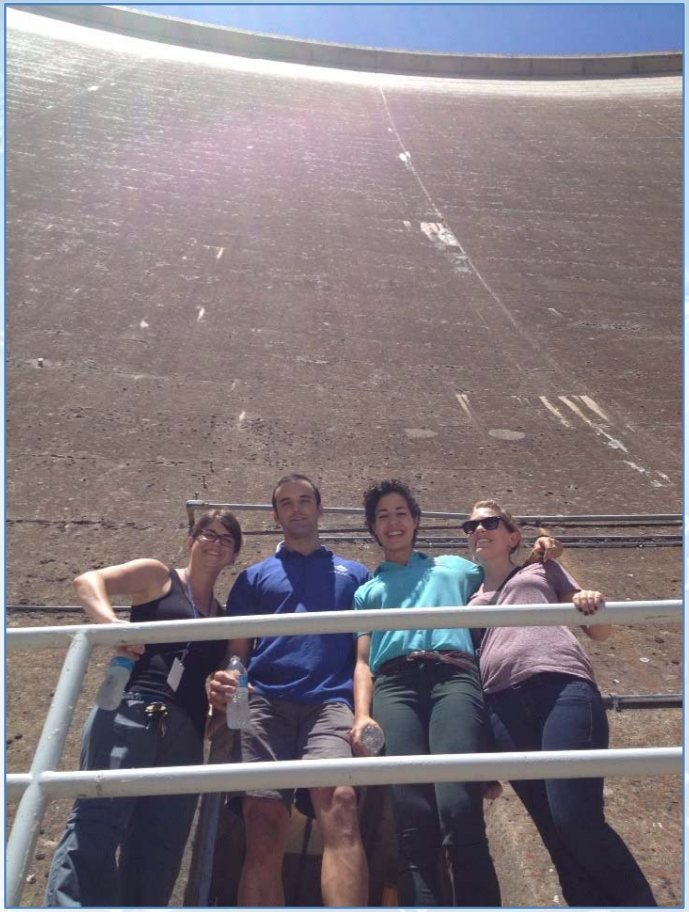
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