

Water Conservation Services

The following information was provided by

Mendocino County Resource Conservation District (MCRCD)

1. Water use assessments for residential and commercial customers

Water use assessments (sometimes called water audits) provide residential and commercial customers with information about unexpected water waste and simple ways to reduce water usage. MCRCD has two methodologies for doing them. The first involves MCRCD staff visiting a property and doing a walk through assessment, gathering water use data and then providing a report with information about water use trends and recommendations for reducing water use. The second is a Home Water Use Self-Survey for homeowners, attached. (Please note that the attached version is for computer viewing. We have another formatted for printing hard copies.) We recommend that water suppliers incentivize use of the survey by providing free give-aways (low-flow shower heads, aerators, toilet flaps, hose nozzle shut-off valves) to customers who complete and return the survey. This idea is based on the methodology used by East Bay Municipal Utility District for their residential customers.

2. Water conservation webinars and workshops for residential and commercial customers

MCRCD can conduct webinars and workshops covering basic water conservation information and tips for implementing them.

3. Distribution line leak detection resources

MCRCD can help connect small water utilities with distribution line leak detection services through California Rural Water Association. Qualifying suppliers in disadvantaged communities can get the service for free. To be eligible, a system must have 10,000 population or less and an MHI < \$51,026.

4. Ag workshops with NRCS

MCRCD has partnered with NRCS in the past to provide ag water conservation workshops. Topics have included Irrigation Scheduling (including monitoring for efficient water use and a field demo of a weather station and pressure bomb) and field tours of Irrigation and Frost Management Strategies, such as microsprayers for frost protection, targeted drip lines, and gypsum block and Watermark sensors. Further information available about additional ag water conservation workshops and info.

MCRCD's limitation is that it does not have the capacity to provide workshops or assessments without a grant or a fee-for-service arrangement, but that is something that can be explored cooperatively. Educational material and resources on the MCRCD website are always available to all for free.

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