

## Press Release Draft

On April 7, 2017, Governor Jerry Brown declared an end to California's historic five-year drought on most counties in California, including Yuba County. The executive order lifting the drought emergency also directs that conservation measures be kept in place, and makes conservation a new way of life for all Californians. The conservation measures mandated by the State of California will continue to hold the District to a standard of conservation that encourages residents to be water wise and with that in mind, the Board of Directors of the Olivehurst Public Utility District has rescinded its Drought Emergency Water Use Surcharges, OPUD Resolution No. 2300 in order to enable residents of the District to return to a standard of living that balances conservation with improving their quality of life.

The Olivehurst Public Utility District Board of Directors would like to thank the community for their conservation efforts, and for helping the District achieve the 5<sup>th</sup> highest conservation rate in the State of California. The Board of Directors would also like to acknowledge District staff for helping to guide the District throughout the drought emergency, and ensuring that the OPUD drinking water division remained solvent through this unprecedented hardship.