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St. Helena Spotlited as One of the Top 15 Small Cities in California



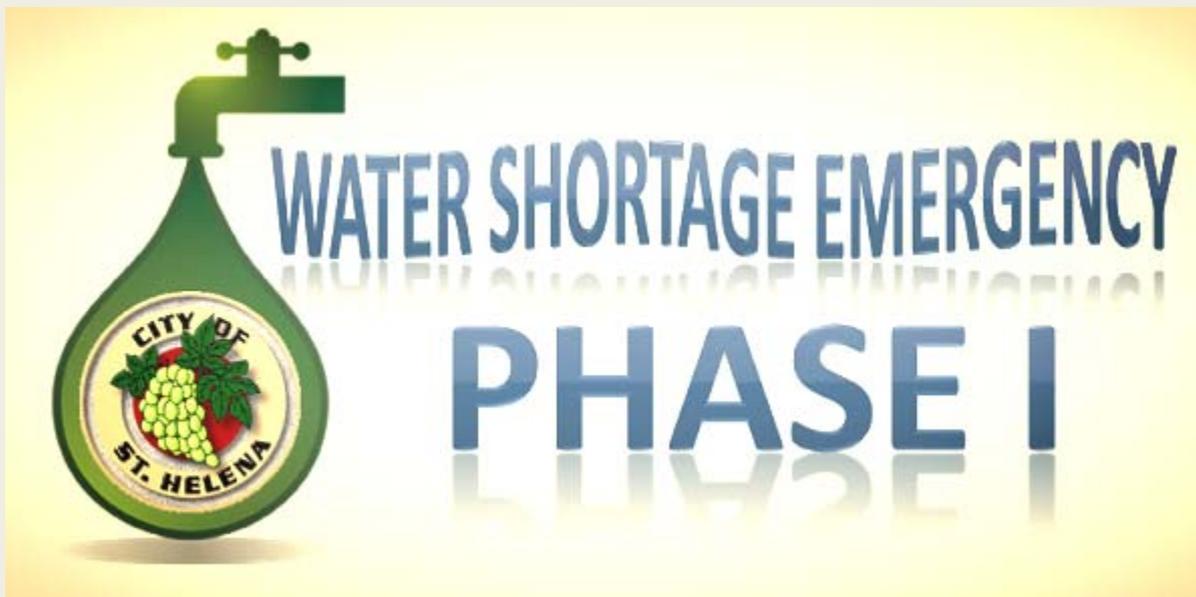
Good things come in small packages, and with that in mind, Cities Journal has come up with its list of the top 15 small cities in California with populations under 20,000. **St. Helena came in at #4** and is depicted as a "go-to getaway" with well-chosen inventories of artwork, downtown shopping, restaurants, hiking trails and picnic spots that take advantage of the green, sunny land just as much as the vineyards do.

We appreciate the recognition-even though in our mind St. Helena will always be ranked #1.

Visit the following link to read the full article and other "Top Small Cities" mentioned.

<http://www.californiacitynews.org/2014/04/cities-journal-ranks-california%E2%80%99s-top-15-small-cities.html>

City Transitions from Water Shortage Emergency Phase II to Phase I



Residents Urged to Conserve

The St. Helena City Council voted at their Tuesday, April 22nd meeting to approve a resolution reclassifying the Water Shortage Emergency from Phase II to Phase I. Public Works staff monitors water analysis to determine whether current water conditions warranted an establishment of formal water restrictions. The water analysis supported that the current situation does not warrant Phase II, but does trigger Phase I conditions.

Establishing Phase I Water Emergency Regulations is intended to raise the public's awareness of dry conditions and to prepare for worsening conditions. Under Phase I, residents are asked to follow the mandatory conservation measures below:

1. All customers must be in compliance with all water use efficiency requirements of Section 13.12 ("[Water Use Efficiency and Use Guidelines](#)") of this municipal code. If a customer is found to be out of compliance with any part of Section 13.12 or provisions of these water shortage emergency requirements, the customer must immediately install the appropriate water-saving devices in their plumbing, appliances, or improvements or take other such actions to bring about full compliance.
2. All customers are prohibited from expanding or installing new water-using appliances, plumbing or improvements, such as lawns, gardens, landscaping, pools, sprinkler irrigation systems, wash-down equipment, larger washing machines or garbage disposal units where the installation may result in an increase in water use. Replacement of existing appliances, plumbing, or improvements shall be allowed only if the change can be documented to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Works to result in more efficient water using fixtures or systems.
3. Any new water connection for new development must offset new demand by an amount of water equal to the new demand on the city water system using the methodology defined in Section 13.12.050 of this municipal code. The offset must be clearly demonstrated, to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Works.
4. Customers are encouraged to wash cars and other vehicles only at a commercial wash facility which recycles wash water on site.
5. Customers may not wash hard surfaces such as sidewalks and patios unless conditions of public health hazard are documented.
6. Customers may install new landscaping in existing or new development that is water efficient within the meaning of the Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance.
7. Customers are encouraged to cease the operation of air-cooling outdoor misting systems using treated water supplied by the city.

To read the full Phase I Regulations click [here](#). The [notice](#) of establishing a water emergency was published in the St. Helena Star on Thursday, January 16th and became effective midnight Thursday, the day the newspaper was delivered.

For additional information regarding Phase I please contact Assistant Public Works Director Debra Hight at debrah@cityofstheleena.org.

[Simple Ways to Save Water](#)

SAVE WATER

50–75 gallons: Amount of water an average person uses in a day. Here's how to use less.



STOP LEAKS

- 192 gallons a month: wasted by a dripping faucet
- 30–500 gallons a day: loss from leaking toilet
- 970 gallons a day: potential loss from leaking pool plumbing



UPGRADE

- 12 gallons per load: used by old dishwasher
- 6 gallons per load: new dishwasher
- 3.6 gallons per flush: old toilet
- 1.6 gallons per flush: new toilet
- 41 gallons per load: top-loading clothes washer
- 23 gallons per load: front-loading clothes washer



CHANGE HABITS

- 3 gallons per day: saved if you turn off the tap while brushing your teeth
- 5 gallons: saved by cutting a shower short by two minutes
- 17 gallons: saved if shower is off except for getting wet and rinsing
- 150 gallons: saved each time someone sweeps instead of hoses sidewalks and driveways
- 40–80 gallons: used by washing car at home if the hose runs the whole time
- 12 gallons: used for a self-service car wash
- 45 gallons: commercial car wash



PAY ATTENTION

- 40 gallons a day: saved if landscaping irrigation is adjusted for weather
- 25 gallons a day: saved if watering is done before 8 a.m.
- 16 gallons a day: benefit of fixing broken sprinklers, adjusting spray to avoid waste, repairing leaks
- 33 percent: average water savings if lawn is replaced with drought-adapted plants

Note: Savings are approximate, based on average consumers and households

SOURCES: CALIFORNIA URBAN WATER CONSERVATION COUNCIL; METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA; ARIZONA DEPT. OF WATER RESOURCES; INTERNATIONAL CARWASH ASSN.

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Image above posted on September 26, 2012 by [Go Green](#)

There are many simple things you can do to save water, here are four simple water-efficiency tips to know:

- Just by turning off the tap while you brush your teeth in the morning and before bedtime, you can save up to 8 gallons of water! That adds up to more than 200 gallons a month, enough to fill a huge fish tank that holds 6 small sharks! The same is true when you wash dishes. Turn off the tap! Scrape your dirty dishes into the trash—then put them in the dishwasher.
- Taking a shower uses much less water than filling up a bathtub. A shower only uses 10 to 25 gallons, while a bath takes up to 70 gallons! If you do take a bath, be sure to plug the drain right away and adjust the temperature as you fill the tub. To save even more water, keep your shower under five minutes long—try timing yourself with a clock next time you hop in!
- If your toilet has a leak, you could be wasting about 200 gallons of water every day. That would be like flushing your toilet more than 50 times for no reason! Try this experiment: placing a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If the color shows up in the bowl without flushing, you have a leak!
- The best time to water your yard is in the early morning or late evening when it's cool outside. Watering when it's hot and sunny is wasteful because most of the water evaporates before the plants have time to drink it. Also make sure not to water the plants *too* much—remember that a little sprinkle goes a long way!

For more information about Water Sense, please visit <http://www.epa.gov/watersense/>.

Pacific Gas and Electric Company Voluntary Manufactured Gas Plant Remediation Program at 1301 Mitchell Drive



Pacific Gas and Electric Company

The Project

May 2014, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) will begin an approximate five-month environmental remediation project at 1301 Mitchell Drive in St. Helena. This work is being performed voluntarily as part of PG&E's company-wide program to cleanup old gas plant sites and will be overseen by the California Environmental Protection Agency, Dept. of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC).

The work will take place between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday and will be conducted in accordance with a cleanup plan approved by DTSC. Work will involve the following:

- Readying the site for remediation including conducting an underground utility survey, installing fencing, removing asphalt and gravel paving, conducting background air sampling, bringing equipment on to the site, and conducting a survey of area roads;
- Installation of site shoring to hold back the walls of excavated areas;
- Phased removal and off-site disposal of 4,200 cubic yards- about 305 truckloads- of soil contaminated with petroleum products, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons and metals using large equipment such as excavators, backhoes, and dump trucks;

City of
St. Helena

Event Calendar

Upcoming Events

May 2014

City Council Meeting
Vintage Hall Board Room
Tuesday, May 13th
6:00 PM

Click [here](#) to access City Council Agendas

Planning Commission Meeting
Vintage Hall Board Room
Tuesday, May 20th
6:00 PM

Memorial Day Holiday
City Hall Closed
Monday, May 26th

City Council Meeting
Vintage Hall Board Room
Tuesday, May 27th

- Conducting air monitoring during excavation activities to protect air quality and employing odor, dust and noise controls; and
- Site restoration activities including, backfilling excavations with clean, imported fill, compaction and grading, and general site cleanup.

PG&E will work closely with the selected contractor and the City of St. Helena to conduct this work in a way that is respectful of the community and area merchants, limits off-site impacts to the greatest degree possible, and provides advance communication about project activities so there are no surprises.

Truck Traffic: At the height of operations, 15 to 20 trucks will enter and exit the site daily -about 2 trucks per hour. The following activities will be conducted to minimize traffic delays:

- Trucks will not be allowed to enter/exit the site during commute hours;
- Trucks will be staged off-site and allowed staggered entry onto the site;
- Flaggers will safely manage truck and pedestrian traffic;
- Trucks will use City-approved truck routes.

Noise/Vibrations: A portion of the work may cause noise and vibrations typical of heavy construction work. The following activities will be conducted to minimize impacts:

- Noise will be kept within levels allowed by the City of St. Helena;
- On-site vibration monitors will be used; and
- Work will be coordinated with neighbors and advance notice will be provided.

Odors/Dust: Soil being removed contains petroleum products and removal may create some short-term dust and petroleum and mothball-like odors. The following activities will be conducted to minimize impacts:

- Excavation size will be limited for easy soil management and control;
- Water and odor suppressants will be used to control odors and dust;
- Air monitoring will be conducted at the excavation site and along the perimeter of the property to keep airborne dust and vapors well below levels established by the California Environmental Protection Agency that are protective of the public; and
- Additional soil management technologies will be available on-site to quickly respond to dust and odor concerns.

Should odors or dust become an issue, PG&E will stop work, assess the situation and take appropriate control measures. Work will not resume again until the situation is fully under control.

Community relations staff will be on-site during working hours and available 24/7 via cell phone to quickly respond to community issues. Area residents and businesses are encouraged to contact PG&E at the numbers below with questions, comments or concerns:

- Maribel Rosas, Community Relations, 510.685.1325 or maribel@craig-communications.com, (24/7). Se habla español.
- PG&E toll-free Community Hotline, 866.247.0581.

<http://www.pge.com/about/environment/taking-responsibility/mgp/st-helena.shtml>
http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=28490002

Traffic Alert Update: Hopper Slough Bridge Repair Project, a.k.a. Rutherford Road



Saving Water Links

Calculate Your Water Use at Home
 Use our handy calculator to find out how much water you use inside and outside each day!

Saving Water, Inside & Out
 It's easy to save water at home. Learn new ways to conserve indoors and outdoors.

Build a Beautiful Water-Wise Garden
 See gardening tips and photo galleries with interactive garden and plant images.



Please visit the State of California website for other useful conservation information at www.saveourh2o.org.

Bell Canyon Reservoir Level

This year ending	
05/05/2014	92.1%
Last year ending	
05/02/2013	82.5%

Please continue to conserve water.

For any questions relating to the City's water



Click on image above to download a printable flyer and map.

Road Closure Dates

May 6th through May 16th.

The Project

The Hopper Slough Bridge on State Route 128 in Napa County will be closed for approximately 2 weeks to repair a large hole in the western support wall.

What to Expect

Limited access on state Route 128 (also known as Rutherford Road) up to the point of the bridge closure will be available for residents, customers and deliveries accessing businesses in the area only.

Detour Route

During the bridge closure, motorists are advised to use the following detours:

- Motorist traveling to State Route 128 from northbound and southbound State Route 29 are advised to use Zinfandel Lane to Silverado Trail to get back on State Route 128.
- Motorists traveling to westbound State Route 128 are advised to use Silverado Trail to Zinfandel Lane to State Route 29.

Project Schedule

The project is scheduled to start as early as mid-late April and be completed as early as mid-late May. All work is weather permitting. Caltrans will inform the public when specific bridge closure dates are available.

Project Updates

Stationary mounted signs and changeable message signs (CMS) will be strategically placed to provide information regarding State Route 128 closures and detours.

Online Information

Get the very latest project information online including detour information, pictures and maps on Caltrans project webpage at

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/projects/hopperbridge/> or follow at <https://twitter.com/caltransd4>.

Contact

For more information, please contact Caltrans Public Information Officer Vince Jacala at vince.jacala@dot.ca.gov or call 510-286-5206.

Visit Crane Park on Fridays for the St. Helena Farmers Market



The St. Helena Farmers Market is running on Fridays, May through October at Crane Park from 7:30 am to 12:00 pm.

emergency, please email water911@cityofstheleena.org.



Questions?

Call City Water Shortage
Hotline
(707) 968-2627

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While visiting the Farmers Market you will come across a variety of fresh local items such as vegetables, fruits, eggs, grass-fed beef and flowers, as well as wines, olive oils, vinegar and honey.

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