



# CONSERVATION: Preparing Mt Shasta for Drought



### **Topics of Discussion**

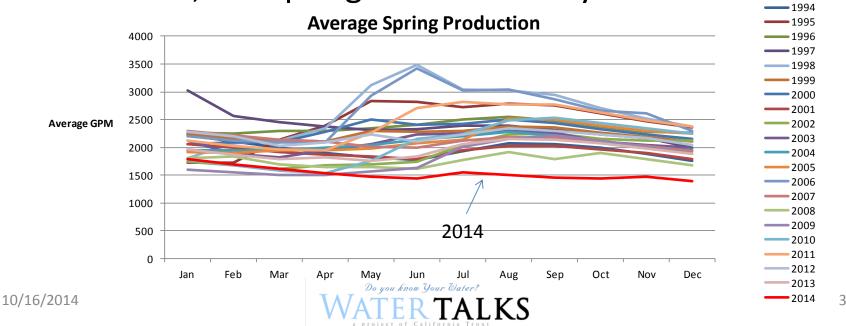
- The Drought's Impact on the City of Mt Shasta
- 2015 Drought Projects
  - Funding
  - Description of Projects





# Mt Shasta & The Drought

- Currently in the fourth year of drought
- Cold Springs is City's primary water source
  - Spring output varies between 1,450 & 3,000+ GPM
  - In 2014, the spring reached a 20-year low





# 2015 Drought Projects

- Received a \$4.3 million grant
  - Water meters: \$2.6 million
  - Supply Line: \$1.7 million
  - Education:
    - Water Talks Water Conservation Workshops
    - Mailer, "Get to Know Your Water Supply"

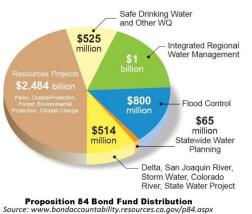




# Source of Funding

#### Funds are a result of...

- Proposition 84
- Inter-Regional Water Management Group (IRWM)
- Governor's 2014 Drought Proclamation
- DWR's 2014 IRWM Grant Solicitation











## Project #1: Supply Line

- Current Status:
  - 80 year old supply line transports water
- Impact of Current System:
  - Risk of catastrophic failure
  - Prevalent water leaks in current system
  - Difficult to access during winter months
- Project Benefits:
  - Replaces worn out infrastructure
  - Allows more efficient use of Tank 4
  - Provides more efficient use of spring supply
  - Places pipeline in an accessible alignment
  - Eliminates leaks in old supply pipeline





#### Project #2: Water Meters

- Current Status:
  - Mt Shasta currently use 3.5 and 2.9 times more water per person than Dunsmuir and Weed, respectively
- Impact of Current Usage Rate:
  - During summer months, usage exceeds production
  - Current summer usage limits fire suppression capabilities
- Project Benefits:
  - Enables City to engage residents about usage & conservation
  - Maybe able to delay other infrastructure projects
  - Meets state mandated initiative to install meters by 2025
  - Water meters lead to 20%-30% reduction in consumption
  - Provide for more equitable distribution of charges





#### **Comments & Questions**

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