



# MEMORANDUM

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

JOHN F. MULLIGAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

**Date:** August 12, 2014

**To:** Brian Haddix, City Manager

**From:** John Mulligan, Public Works Director

**Subject: Car Wash Permit Issuance: Temporary Suspension**

As we all know, the State of California is experiencing severe drought conditions which is resulting in a reduction of available potable water. On June 5, 2014, the City of Sanger declared a Stage 2 of the City's water conservation program which requires all water users within the City limits to conserve water by 15% - 25%. Current water system data has reflected some water usage decrease as compared to prior years, there still needs to be further conservation measures implemented.

The City of Sanger currently issues Car Wash Permits to individuals and groups who want to hold public car washes to raise funds for various events and fund raisers. The City Code has placed specific requirements on these car washes to better assure that water is conserved during the events. While these conservation efforts are sufficient during "normal" water years, they do not address the current severe drought conditions. Residents are asked to reduce watering of lawns and reducing in-house use, these outdoor car wash events have been allowed to continue. City staff has received numerous complaints and comments regarding the apparent wasting of water at these weekend events.

Effective immediately, I recommend that the issuance of Car Wash Permit be suspended until the water conditions improve. While this may negatively impact a few, the overall water supply of the City will be positively impacted. Please approve this Car Wash Permit suspension recommendation by signing below. Please return to me for circulation and implementation.

Approved

Denied

Signature

Date

8-12-14