

## Monthly Report

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**Subject:** Water Resources Report

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This report is provided as an update on water resources activities. The report includes the following items:

- WaterSMART Initiative
  - Water Efficient Landscape Classes
  - List of Meetings
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### □ WaterSMART Initiative



U.S. Department of the Interior

Interior Secretary, Ken Salazar, signed a Secretarial Order establishing a new water sustainability strategy for the United States. This strategy is being showcased as the WaterSMART Initiative. The “SMART” stands for **S**ustain and **M**anage **A**merica’s **R**esources for **T**omorrow.

The Water SMART Initiative has several components, all of which focus on improving water conservation and helping water and resource managers make wise decision about water use. WaterSMART will coordinate with the Department of Interior’s Task Force on Energy and Climate Change, the Climate Change Response Council, the Climate Science Centers and Landscape Conservation Cooperatives.

The following is a list of components:

- A National framework to integrate water sustainability efforts of the Department of the Interior and its federal, state, and private partners.
- A WaterSMART clearinghouse for the American public.
- Criteria that the Department of the Interior applies to identify and support energy projects and actions that promote sustainable water strategies.
- A water footprint reduction program for facilities and water consuming operations to achieve and exceed the goal established by President Obama to reduce overall consumption of potable water by 26% by 2020 and industrial, landscaping and agricultural water by 20% by 2020.

A complete copy of the Secretarial Order can be found at <http://doi.gov/news/pressreleases/upload/waterSMARTOrder.pdf>

□ **Landscape Classes**

Customers of Coastsidewater.org are eligible to attend FREE water efficient landscaping classes this spring. Classes start on March 6<sup>th</sup> and end on June 5<sup>th</sup>. The list of classes is available at the District's office or the District's website. Registration is required.

<http://www.bawsca.watersavingplants.com/>

[http://www.coastsidewater.org/water-conservation/Spring2010\\_Class\\_Schedule.pdf](http://www.coastsidewater.org/water-conservation/Spring2010_Class_Schedule.pdf)

□ **List of Meetings**

Water Resources Committee - Indoor Ordinance - 2/3/2010

ACWA - Water Package Workshop - 2/5/2010