Getting through this severe drought takes all of us working together

Dear Neighbor, I noticed at your property that:

- Automatic irrigation came on between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.
- Someone watered with a hose between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.
- Someone cleaned the driveway, sidewalk, or patio with a hose
- Your sprinkler system needs repair or adjustment
- Water flowed into the gutter from your property
- Other ____________________________________________

Did you know? The State Water Board and San José City Council declared an Emergency Water Shortage. Everyone is asked to reduce their water use by 20 percent. Outdoor water use accounts for about half of the typical water bill and may be the easiest place to reduce your water use. The following outdoor water use rules are in effect and apply to everyone in San José:

1. Be cool - water when it’s coolest, only between 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. You can use less water and your landscape and plants will absorb more of it.
2. Be quick - fix leaks as soon as possible
3. Be in control - don’t let water flow into gutters or streets
4. Be a sharp shooter - with automatic shut-off nozzles
   Hoses are required to have a nozzle that shuts off when the handle is released.
5. Be a sweeper - sweep hard surfaces
   Use a broom, not a hose, to clean sidewalks, driveways, or other hard surfaces.

Learn about additional rules and tips or download this Share the Rules form at www.sjenvironment.org/waterconservation

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* San José Municipal Code Chapter 15.10

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