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## **Hearst Castle Visitor Center to Close Public Restrooms in July for Water Conservation**

*Chemical toilets with hand sanitizer will be made available*

On Monday July 7, 2014, the Hearst Castle Visitor Center will begin implementing water conservation measures to reduce water usage and comply with Governor Brown's [Executive Order to redouble drought actions across the State](#). All day-use restrooms will be closed and chemical toilets (or porta-potties) with exterior hand sanitizer stations will be placed at the Visitor Center. At least one Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible chemical restroom will be available to accommodate all visitors.

[The Hearst San Simeon State Historical Monument](#) will continue to provide chemical restrooms to hilltop visitors, as it has done in the past several years. It is anticipated that these water conservation measures will reduce water consumption by approximately 40% - 50% in the affected areas. In March, day-use restrooms were closed in the Santa Rosa Creek, Leffingwell Landing, and Washburn day-use areas. The San Simeon Campground also stopped offering showers to visitors, and closed RV dump stations. Additionally, no new annual plants are being placed in the gardens, irrigation is primarily done by hand, extensive mulch has been placed in the gardens, vehicle washing has been eliminated, and frequent inspections for leaks in the plumbing systems to immediately complete repairs is ongoing.

The San Luis Obispo Coast District will continue to work with local community service districts, water providers, federal partners, and neighbors in any actions related to the drought.

For more drought related information, please visit [www.SaveOurWater.com](http://www.SaveOurWater.com).

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