

California water conservation slows slightly

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Californians cut back their urban water use in August by 27 percent compared with the same month in 2013, state regulators announced Thursday.

The reduction was slightly less than the 31 percent decline recorded in July, but on par with a 27 percent effort in June.

It was also enough to remain in compliance with Gov. Jerry Brown's restrictions for the third consecutive month. Earlier this year, Brown ordered cities and towns across California to slash their water consumption by 25 percent to help combat the effects of a four-year drought.

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