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The Friends of the Moraga Adobe ride in horse-drawn style along the parade route.

Photo Sora O'Doherty

From flags to vintage planes, it was a flying Fourth in Orinda

By Sora O'Doherty

Having only missed one year since its inception in 1984, the Orinda Fourth of July Parade was back in 2021, a little bit smaller, but still replete with bands, politicians, cars and even airplanes. With 38 entries, the parade was announced at its starting point in the Theatre District by Bill Cosden and on the Village side by the "Voice of Orinda," Steve Harwood and Scott Butler at the Orinda Community Center. At

the conclusion of the parade, there was a special fly-over of vintage planes by the Memorial Squadron in honor of America's Independence Day and in support of the "Best Home Town" parade in America.

The parade committee was co-chaired by Diane Lantz and President Bill Waterman of the Orinda Association. This year, for the first time ever, the event was live-streamed by three separate cameras filming from different angles. The live-stream was also recorded, and is available for viewing on

YouTube.

The event opened with the raising of the American flag at 9 a.m. The Lewiston Jazz Band from Berkeley played at 9:30 a.m., and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the Friends of the Orinda Library held its annual book sale on the library plaza. Before the parade began in the Theatre District, the winners of the winter Lamorinda Idol sang the national anthem.

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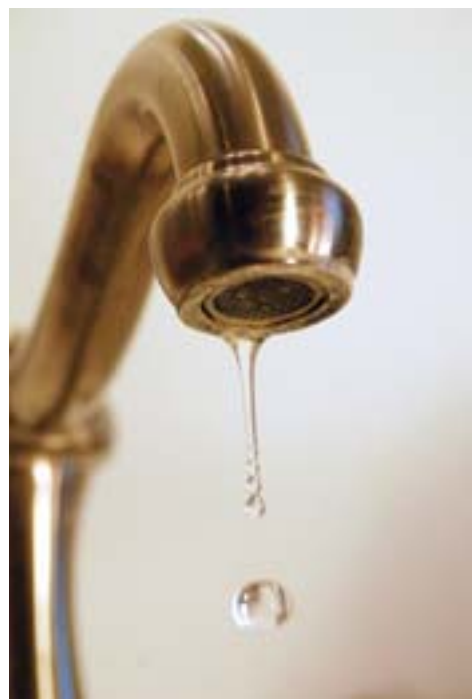
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Local residents asked to reduce water usage



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By Diane Claytor

As if more than a year of a pandemic and staying home wasn't enough, Lamorinda residents now find themselves in the midst of a drought brought on because, according to East Bay Municipal Utility District Board President Doug Linney, we just ended "the driest year on record in the East Bay." As of July 1, precipitation was 51% of average and the total water storage system is only 63% full. For those reasons, in April, EBMUD's board declared a Stage-1 drought shortage and requested that customers voluntarily reduce water consumption by 10%.

Because of previous drought declarations, EBMUD customers have grown accustomed to conserving water. In fact, the agency happily states that compared to water use at the beginning of the last serious drought in 2013, East Bay residents are already using 13% less water.

With a possible four stages, Stage

1 is the lowest level drought and a voluntary 10% reduction in water consumption should be quite easy to achieve. Some recommendations from EBMUD:

- Landscape watering should be done only three times or less a week at dawn or dusk.
- Check irrigation systems, faucets, showers and toilets for leaks. (According to Nelsy Rodriguez, EBMUD public information representative, during the last drought, leaky toilets accounted for thousands of wasted gallons of water.)
- Only run the dishwasher and washing machine with full loads.
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth, washing your face, shampooing your hair, shaving. "If you don't actively need water, don't use it," Rodriguez suggests.
- Replace non-native plants and lawns with native, drought-tolerant plants. "Now's the time to do this," Rodriguez says, noting that there are many beautiful native plants that don't need water. "This is the time to

let thirsty landscape die off and then in the fall, when the rains hopefully return, plant natives so mother earth can give the organic water back to the plants."

In warmer climates, such as we enjoy in Lamorinda, Rodriguez reminds that it's especially important to water either early in the morning or later in the evening, when evaporation is less. She also notes that drip irrigation is more conservation-friendly than spraying with a hose.

Rodriguez states EBMUD believes we'll remain in Stage 1 drought through the summer and doesn't anticipate mandatory rationing, additional conservation requirements or drought surcharges at this point. "We won't know for sure how robust our water supply is until the end of the next rain year, which runs from October through April or May," she reports.

EBMUD does have water and, Rodriguez says that it's in a strong position compared to many other agencies.

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