



# Case Study - City of Corona

As part of California's emergency drought response, the CCC launched a new water conservation program. Work for the City of Corona was one of the first major projects undertaken by the CCC crews based in Norwalk and San Bernardino. Two crews, totaling 20 members, will take about two months to help:

- Remove 1 million square feet of turf grass
- Install drought tolerant plants
- Retrofit 75,000 sprinklers to increase efficiency

Tracy Martin of the City of Corona estimated that “over the next five years, 717 million fewer gallons of water will be used, with annual savings of \$336,000. And with less turf, maintenance costs should drop.”

The City of Corona tapped \$2 million in rebate funds from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California at \$2 a square foot for replacing turf with water-saving plants. Funds cover the cost of plants, irrigation equipment, mulch and other landscape materials.

**CCC labor, provided at no cost to the City of Corona, is valued at \$60,000. The project had to meet the CCC's criteria for water savings and public benefit.**

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Removing turf grass along street — Photo courtesy of the City of Corona

## WHAT CAN CCC CREWS DO?

### Improve Indoor Water Efficiency

- ◇ Change out toilets and urinals
- ◇ Install faucet aerators
- ◇ Replace showerheads

### Improve Outdoor Water Efficiency

- ◇ Remove sod
- ◇ Replace sprinklers
- ◇ Plant drought-tolerant plants

## WHERE ARE CREWS LOCATED?

- ◆ Central Valley—Stockton
- ◆ Central Coast—Santa Maria
- ◆ Inland Empire—San Bernardino
- ◆ Los Angeles—Norwalk
- ◆ Northern CA—Napa

## HOW TO APPLY:

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Conditions...and More!”**

