



Water Conservation Plan for:

Spencer W. Kimball Scout Reservation at Mt. Potosi  
Las Vegas Area Council, Boy Scouts of America  
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**Background Information:** Kimball Scout Reservation (the camp) is located at the base of Potosi Mountain about 35 minutes southwest of Las Vegas. The 1,120 acre reservation is a high desert facility at an elevation of 5,800 feet. Camp Potosi (located within Spencer W. Kimball Scout Reservation) has over four miles of roads, eleven miles of hiking trails, 70 troop campsites, latrines, washstands, two shower buildings, swimming pool, well and water storage system, activity shelters, camp offices, trading post, amphitheater, fire storage/canoeing pond, rappelling tower, Indian Village, and Serenity Hall. In our strive for excellence, Las Vegas Area Council (the council) is continually improving and expanding the quality of the facilities and the programs while being good stewards of the environment and our precious natural resources. NRS 540 was revised to require a water conservation plan in 1992. This plan was first submitted in January of 2008 and updated in Jun 2014.

**Description of Water Source:** The camp has two wells. Water from these wells is pumped into large holding tanks that feed the camp. Pressure is provided by gravity

**Camp Use:** The Camp supplies water to about 600 week long summer camp participants, approximately 50 staff that live on site during the summer, and one year round camp ranger. The camp is frequently visited by weekend campers throughout the year.

No customers are billed for any of the usage within camp. Campers are viewed as guests, not utility customers. There is no water usage not related to the camp and program operations. With such an arrangement there is no rate structure and no opportunity to bill for increased water usage.

**Water use and opportunities for conservation:** The majority of the toilets are dry pit type with holding tanks. They do not use any water. The associated washing sinks use a hose bib to control water flow. The toilet at the storage building and rangers home are low flow type. The toilets at the Kaiser Center (4 toilets, 2 urinals) and the swimming pool restrooms (4 toilets) are all low flow type. The showers and



hand wash sinks at the swimming pool are all modern low flow type fixtures. The hand wash sinks at the Kaiser center are modern self-closing commercial lavatory faucets.

There are approximately 50 frost proof yard hydrants in use around camp spaced every few hundred feet along the camp roads. These hydrants are for campsite use. No self-closing type exists. We have chosen to use these for potential firefighting use. Proper use of these hydrants is discussed at camp orientation.

The pool meets all current Clark County and Nevada commercial pool requirements.

The “canoe pond” is used as a water storage pond for fighting fires. The camp enjoys an agreement with the BLM and NV Division of Forestry regarding the use of the water for mutually beneficial firefighting. This pond is not considered an ornamental feature nor does any opportunity to decrease the size or drain the pond exist. That being said all efforts are made as much as possible to conserve.

We feel our largest opportunity for conservation and is through increased public awareness of the limited supply of water in this state and the need to conserve water. The council will make additional efforts to provide training to our participants about the need for water conservation. Starting in 2015 we will include information on water conservation procedures in the leaders guide given to all summer camp participants. Additionally we will begin immediately providing the same information to weekend and day users of the camp. We will also continue to update our facilities as things wear out using the latest guidelines provided by the state.

**Contingency Plans during drought conditions:** Should water become unavailable during drought conditions we will bring in bottled water or acquire large mobile water containers to provide water for drinking and cooking. This scenario is somewhat unlikely with two wells on property.

In summary, the Las Vegas Area Council will:

- Continue to educate our participants on the need to conserve water.
- Include information in our leaders guide related to water conservation.
- Continue to update equipment as it is changed out.