

## Moby Dick Restaurant Recognized as 2019 City of Santa Barbara Water Hero



Each year, the City of Santa Barbara Water Conservation Program honors an individual, business, or organization who serves as an example of resource efficiency in our community and has gone above and beyond in their water conservation efforts. Moby Dick has received the 2019 Water Hero award for their continuous water conservation practices including only serving water on request, properly maintaining appliances and fixtures, replacing urinals with waterless urinals, and more. Moby Dick's efforts have resulted in an impressive 64% reduction in water usage since 2015.

With approximately 600 visitors a day, Moby Dick restaurant's need for water savings practices was essential and the declaration of a drought in 2014 provided them with motivation. To assist them with their water conservation efforts, Moby Dick removed urinals using one gallon per flush and replaced them with waterless urinals. In addition, they switched out their automatic flushing system in the women's restroom, which often would flush when someone walked by, resulting in water waste.



During the recent drought, the City encouraged businesses to reduce their water consumption by only serving water on request, an action Moby Dick still practices today. By only serving water on request the restaurant is eliminating water waste from water that isn't consumed and is preventing water usage in washing additional glasses.



In addition to these practices, Moby Dick conducts regular maintenance of their equipment. Regular maintenance keeps their equipment running efficiently, helps find leaks sooner, and can save water from being wasted through leaking fixtures and appliances.

Moby Dick is committed to water efficiency and serving as a role model for sustainability. Congratulations to Moby Dick for being a Water Hero!

