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Monte Vista Water District Declares Significant Water Supply Shortage

MONTCLAIR, CA In response to historic drought conditions and a state mandate to reduce water use, the Monte Vista Water District Board of Directors declared a Significant Water Supply Shortage at yesterday's board meeting. The Board also authorized additional conservation program funding and staffing to assist customers in further reducing their water use.

To achieve a 24% water use reduction as mandated by the State Water Resources Control Board, District customers are now required to limit outdoor watering to Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays between 8pm-8am and for no more than 15 minutes per day. These new restrictions are enhancements to existing water use requirements, and include:

- No run-off, over-spray, or excessive irrigation causing water to flow off of property
- No watering during and 24 hours after rain events
- Repair all plumbing and irrigation system leaks within three days of discovery
- Landscape meters reduce use by 25 percent compared to 2013
- Use shutoff nozzles to wash vehicles, or use a commercial car wash that recirculates its water
- No hosing down pavement, except for health or safety and using a pressure washer
- Restaurants provide water service only on request
- Hotels provide option to not launder linen daily

Customers who violate these requirements will receive one courtesy notice, followed by an official notice of violation, then fines of \$50-\$200 per violation and flow restriction.

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"Our residents have been very responsive during drought years, and we are confident that we will continue to work together successfully to save water during this statewide crisis," said Board Vice-President Tony Lopez. "The District currently provides our customers with a tremendous amount of support to reduce their water use, and that support will grow very quickly over the next months."

The District has consistently and actively promoted water use efficiency and provided customers many educational and financial resources, including water efficient device rebates, toilet distributions and direct installations, irrigation system retrofits and audits, garden classes, and more. In the last decade, customers have responded admirably to the District's call to conserve, reducing demand by more than 20 percent and exceeding the state mandate for achieving 20 percent reduction in urban water use by 2020.

"We are so appreciative of the many customers who have already become very efficient in how they use our limited water supplies," said Lopez. "However, we are asking everyone to do just a little bit more to help us meet our mandated water use reduction goal."

The District is asking customers to go above and beyond the required restrictions. Customers should consider cutting their outdoor irrigation in half, taking advantage of the \$2 per square foot turf removal rebate, and replacing toilets and clothes washers with the most efficient models (rebates also available).

To help customers achieve additional water use reductions, the District will be hosting a series of Drought Response Clinics at Chino Basin Water Conservation District in Montclair, where customers will be given the opportunity to receive one-on-one assistance with program signups, rebates, and more. Those in attendance will be able to participate in bilingual water use reduction classes and demonstration garden tours to learn more about water-efficient plants.

To learn more about the clinics and other water-saving programs available to District customers, visit www.mvwd.org.