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Monte Vista Water District Renews Significant Water Supply Shortage Declaration

MONTCLAIR, CA At yesterday's meeting, the Monte Vista Water District Board of Directors renewed their declaration of a Significant Water Supply Shortage through October 2016. This action was in response to the State Water Resources Control Board's extension of emergency conservation regulations due to ongoing statewide drought conditions.

During a public hearing, the Board received information concerning the drought and the successful efforts by District customers to meet state-mandated water use reduction requirements through January.

"Our customers are doing a wonderful job conserving, but more is needed so we don't fall behind," said Board President Sandra Rose. "The District is here to help our customers find more ways to save water."

District customers must continue to limit outdoor watering to Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, before 8am or after 8pm, and for no more than 15 minutes per day per irrigation valve. Other requirements include:

- No run-off, over-spray, or excessive irrigation causing water to flow off of property
- No watering during and 48 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

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- 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.

The extended emergency regulations provide some water agencies with the ability to apply for lower reduction targets due to climate, growth, or development of “drought-resilient” water supplies since 2013. District customers have reduced water use by nearly 40 percent since 2007. Additionally, the District invested tens of millions of dollars prior to 2013 in drought-resilient water supplies such as recycled water and local stored groundwater. However, the District will receive no credit for these proactive drought management strategies.

“It is unfortunate that the state regulations do not recognize the significant water savings achieved by our customers prior to 2013,” said Rose. “We are proud that they answered the District’s call to conserve before this most recent drought, and we will continue to invest in local, drought-resilient water supplies and strategies.”

In order to discover how customers are achieving their water reduction goals, the District is hosting a “How Do YOU Save Water?” contest. Customers are requested to submit a short survey explaining the ways in which they have been saving water and how the District can help them save more. The two most unique water-saving ideas will receive a free high-efficiency toilet installation. Interested customers should visit www.mvwd.org to learn more about the campaign and submit their suggestions.

District customers are also invited to receive a free irrigation evaluation, high-efficiency nozzle installations, and individual consultations on available water-saving programs to help them save even more water. For more information or to sign up for this program, call 909-657-4414.

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

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