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Monte Vista Water District Congratulates Customers on Achieving Reduction Goal

Rescinds Shortage Declaration, Maintains Enforcement of Year-Round Water Use Efficiency Best Practices

MONTCLAIR, CA On June 22, the Monte Vista Water District Board of Directors rescinded its Significant Water Supply Shortage declaration while reinforcing the need for community members to continue their successful conservation efforts. This action was in response to changes in state emergency regulations allowing water agencies to confirm reliable water supplies in an ongoing drought. The District and its local partners were able to certify a drought-resilient long-term water supply due to past infrastructure investments and the increased efficiency of customers' water use habits.

"Even before the current drought, Monte Vista's customers showed a commitment to becoming more efficient users of their publicly owned water supplies," said Board President Sandra Rose. "We are so proud of our customers for answering the call to achieve even higher levels of conservation over this past year, and we ask them to make saving water part of their everyday lives."

Between June 2015 and May 2016, District customers reduced water use by 22 percent compared to 2013, meeting their state-mandated reduction goal. Longer-term, customers have reduced water use by nearly 40 percent over the past decade,

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responding to the District's active promotion of water use efficiency through the implementation of budget-based tiered rates and permanent water use requirements.

Due to improved statewide drought conditions, the State Water Resources Control Board in May changed conservation requirements allowing water agencies to set their own conservation standard based on water supply availability. The District, in partnership with local agencies, submitted information demonstrating that past investments in and proper management of drought-resilient water sources such as groundwater and recycled water resulted in surplus supplies being available even under ongoing drought conditions.

District customers must continue to follow mandatory, year-round water use efficiency best practices, including:

- Watering only between 8pm-8am for no more than 15 minutes per day per valve
- No run-off
- No watering during and after rain
- Repair all system leaks
- Use shutoff nozzles to wash vehicles, or use a commercial car wash
- No hosing down pavement

The District will continue to enforce these common sense measures to eliminate water waste, as well as provide programs and services to help customers use water as efficiently as possible.

On June 22, the Board of Directors also adopted its 2015 Urban Water Management Plan, which demonstrates that the District has sufficient supplies to meet projected demands for the next 25 years, even under drought conditions. Both the District's plan and drought certification can be viewed on its website, www.mvwd.org.