



# WATER FACILITIES AUTHORITY

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### ***Regional Agencies Certify Drought-Resilient Supplies, Commit to Ongoing Conservation***

**UPLAND, CA . . . . .** The Water Facilities Authority and its five member agencies, the cities of Chino, Chino Hills, Ontario, Upland, and Monte Vista Water District, have certified to the state that they have sufficient water supplies to meet their collective customers' demands in an ongoing drought. While certifying sufficient supplies, the agencies urge their customers to use water as efficiently as possible while drought conditions persist.

"This certification demonstrates the clear benefits of local agencies working together and making long-term investments in diverse and reliable water supplies," said Peter Rogers, Chino Hills council member and chair of the Water Facilities Authority board of directors. "We are proud of our collaborative efforts to develop locally controlled and drought-resilient water resources. At the same time, water is too precious and valuable to waste, and our communities are dedicated to making efficient water use a way of life."

In May, the State Water Resources Control Board changed conservation requirements, allowing water agencies to set their own conservation standard based on a self-certification of water supply availability if the drought continues. The Water Facilities Authority and its member agencies decided to submit an aggregated conservation standard, as allowed under the conservation requirements, in order to highlight their ongoing successful collaboration in water resource development.

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“Local water providers showed remarkable foresight in creating the Water Facilities Authority back in the 80s to serve our region’s water supply needs decades into the future,” said Terry Catlin, Water Facilities Authority general manager. “Today we continue our collaborative efforts to find innovative ways to meet challenges associated with drought and water resource management across the state.”

In 1980, local agencies formed the Water Facilities Authority as a joint powers agency to provide water supply and distribution services to its members. Later that decade, the Authority built the Agua de Lejos Water Treatment Plant to treat and distribute imported water from northern California received through Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. The Authority’s treatment plant currently is permitted to treat 81 million gallons a day.

However, the primary water supply for the Authority’s member agencies is local groundwater. The agencies collectively produce 60 percent of their total available supplies from area groundwater basins, including the Chino Basin, Six Basins, and the Cucamonga Basin. Groundwater is also supplied through wholesale agencies such as the Chino Desalter Authority, San Antonio Water Company, and West End Consolidated Water Company. Local groundwater basins are adjudicated and have been sustainably managed under court jurisdiction for decades. Member agencies also have access to additional local supplies, including San Antonio Canyon surface water from San Antonio Water Company and recycled water from Inland Empire Utilities Agency.

“Our member agencies and regional water providers have developed diverse water resource portfolios to serve their customers’ efficient water needs,” said Catlin. “This is especially important in a drought, when one supply can be used to offset another that may be under stress. By combining our supplies into a single portfolio, we are able to demonstrate the wisdom of our regional approach to water reliability.”

Each member agency has posted information regarding the state drought certification and ongoing conservation efforts on their respective websites: Chino, [www.cityofchino.org](http://www.cityofchino.org); Chino Hills, [www.chinohills.org](http://www.chinohills.org); Ontario, [www.ontarioca.gov](http://www.ontarioca.gov); Upland, [www.ci.upland.ca.us](http://www.ci.upland.ca.us); and Monte Vista Water District, [www.mvwd.org](http://www.mvwd.org).