



WATER FACILITIES AUTHORITY

1775 North Benson Avenue • Upland, CA 91784
Phone (909) 981-9454 • Fax (909) 981-6760

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE: November 10, 2016
CONTACT: Terry Catlin
PHONE: (909) 981-9454, ext. 12
EMAIL: tlcattin@wfajpa.org

Upcoming Treatment Plant Shutdowns Demonstrate Regional Water Supply Reliability

UPLAND, CA The Water Facilities Authority will undergo two regional imported water treatment plant shutdowns in the coming months to facilitate needed infrastructure inspection, maintenance and upgrades. Each of the Authority's five member agencies, the cities of Chino, Chino Hills, Ontario, Upland, and Monte Vista Water District, plan to meet their demands during the two shutdowns due in part to current efficient water use habits and past investments in local water supplies.

The first shutdown has been scheduled for November 14-19 by Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, the regional imported water provider, to conduct a regularly scheduled inspection on a major regional transmission line. The second, more extended shutdown will occur over a 3 ½ month period, from approximately December 15, 2016 through March 31, 2017. This longer shutdown will allow the Authority to perform necessary and extensive treatment plant repairs and upgrades, including concrete channel rehabilitation and reservoir repairs.

The Authority's member agencies have determined that alternate local water supplies exist to meet projected lower demands during the upcoming short- and long-term shutdowns. Both are scheduled to occur during the late fall and winter months when water demands are typically at their lowest. Additionally, all five member agencies will rely on their alternative local supplies, including groundwater, local surface water, and recycled water. Most importantly, with the support of the 450,000 residents of the

MORE→

Page 2 Upcoming Treatment Plant Shutdowns Demonstrate Water Supply Reliability

Authority's member agencies, it is anticipated the longer term scheduled interruption can be met with minor to no inconvenience to their water service.

"All infrastructure requires regular maintenance, and it is important that we stay on top of it to ensure our consistent high level of water service," said Peter Rogers, Chino Hills council member and chair of the Water Facilities Authority board of directors. "The fact that we can shut down this treatment plant and rely on other supplies demonstrates the value of our customers' becoming efficient water users, as well as the benefit of past investments in local and regional water resources."

Although alternative supplies will be brought online in an effort to meet demands, member agencies will continue to communicate with their customers on the importance of using water as efficiently as possible during this period of reduced imported supply. Should conditions change due to unforeseen or unexpected events, such as unseasonably high temperatures or equipment failures, the member agencies will keep customers informed and may request a temporary additional reduction in water use.

Each member agency has information regarding its water supplies and water use efficiency programs on their respective websites: Chino, www.cityofchino.org; Chino Hills, www.chinohills.org; Ontario, www.ontarioca.gov; Upland, www.ci.upland.ca.us; and Monte Vista Water District, www.mvwd.org.