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Monte Vista Water District Responds to Statewide Drought by Promoting “Best Practices”

Commends Customers on Successful Conservation Efforts

MONTCLAIR, CA In response to Governor Brown’s declaration of a statewide drought and call to conserve, Monte Vista Water District is asking water customers to continue their successful efforts in using water more efficiently, and to fully employ common sense “best practices” for wise water use in the coming months.

Last Wednesday, the District’s Board of Directors passed a resolution recognizing the severity of the current drought. The Board also commended the District’s customers for their past success in conserving water, while offering assistance in further reducing their water use.

“Our customers are already among the most efficient water users in the region,” said Sandra Rose, president of the Board of Directors, “and they are exceeding the state-mandated goal to reduce water use by 20% by 2020. Because of their efforts, and the millions of dollars invested by the District in groundwater storage and local drought-proof supplies like recycled water, we are well positioned to meet the challenge of this drought.”

The District’s Ordinance 33, adopted by the Board in 2010, establishes year-round water use efficiency “best practices” which are mandatory at all times. These best practices include setting automatic irrigation timers to water between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m., avoiding excessive runoff from irrigation, turning off irrigation during rain, repairing leaks, using hose shut-off nozzles, and not hosing down paved surfaces except when required for health or safety purposes.

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The District is distributing a special flyer in its March and April bills with information on the drought and how customers can further reduce their usage. Additionally, the District is distributing free hose nozzles during Fix A Leak Week, March 17-21, at the District offices (10575 Central Avenue in Montclair), and provides customers with free irrigation evaluations, weather-based irrigation controller installations, and free high-efficiency irrigation spray nozzles. District customers who are interested in participating in these and other conservation programs should call (909) 267-2165 or email gdelacruz@mvwd.org.

On January 17, Governor Brown proclaimed a State of Emergency in recognition of record-setting drought conditions across California and the western United States. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, which supplies imported water to the most of the region, responded by declaring a “Water Supply Alert” urging local water agencies to heighten their water conservation efforts.

Monte Vista Water District continues to monitor the statewide drought and its potential near- and long-term impacts on District water supplies. At the current time, the District has sufficient groundwater production capacity and groundwater held in local storage to be cushioned from an immediate impact due to drought. Likewise, Metropolitan has invested billions of dollars over the past two decades in preparation for such conditions, and has sufficient water in storage for 1-2 years of continued drought conditions.

For more information on the District’s conservation programs, visit www.mvwd.org and follow the “Water Conservation” menu link.