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## ***MVWD Board of Directors Declares Significant Water Supply Shortage***

**MONTCLAIR, CA . . . . .** In response to California's drought, the Monte Vista Water District (MVWD) Board of Directors declared a Significant Water Supply Shortage at Wednesday's board meeting. The declaration, in accordance with District Ordinance 33, imposes the following use restrictions on drinking water:

- **Outdoor watering is only allowed on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m.** (with exceptions such as hand-watering)
- Fix leaks within seven (7) days of discovery
- No excess runoff from outdoor watering
- No hosing down driveways, sidewalks, buildings, or parking lots
- No washing vehicles without a shut-off nozzle
- No using water in fountains or other water features without recirculation
- No watering during rain and 24 hours following
- Restaurants serve water only upon request
- Hotels provide option to not launder linen daily
- Standard water recycling technologies installed prior to new water service
- Potable water used for construction and dust control limited to quantity set by approved water use plan
- Fire hydrant use limited to fire-fighting and public health and safety uses

"Our customers have responded well when we've asked them to conserve in past droughts," said Board President Sandra Rose. "Once again, we all need to cut our water use and step-up conservation efforts."

MVWD customers have reduced their per person water use by more than 40% over the last two decades and are the most efficient water users in the region. But in the midst of another statewide drought, MVWD is asking its customers to do everything possible to preserve limited water supplies. California's water system is significantly constrained after two consecutive dry years, resulting in an unprecedented low water supply level.

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The declaration of a Significant Water Supply Shortage authorizes staff to implement and enforce enhanced water use requirements to reduce demand and protect the water supply. Customers who violate these restrictions will receive written notice and progressive fines up to \$200 per violation. The water use restrictions remain in place for one year, unless rescinded or amended by the Board of Directors.

“MVWD is committed to working *with* customers to achieve a 15% reduction in water use compared to 2020,” said General Manager Justin Scott-Coe. “Communicating and engaging with customers is key. This collaborative effort, along with enhanced conservation programs, will help the water district and customers achieve greater water savings.”

Customers are encouraged to follow MVWD’s social media platforms as well as visit the website ([www.mvwd.org/drought](http://www.mvwd.org/drought)) for drought updates, conservation tips, rebate information, and upcoming workshops to help them reduce water use.

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