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MONTE VISTA WATER DISTRICT BOARD ADOPTS URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Demonstrates Long-Term, Reliable Water Supply

MONTCLAIR, CA The Monte Vista Water District Board of Directors adopted its 2010 Urban Water Management Plan after a public hearing held during its regularly scheduled board meeting on June 8, 2011. The plan demonstrates that the district has surplus supplies available to meet projected demands, even during multi-year droughts, for at least the next 25 years.

“Monte Vista Water District has done extremely well in developing water supplies to meet our customers’ needs into the foreseeable future, as shown in this plan,” said Sandra Rose, president of the board of directors. “Our diverse water supply portfolio includes local groundwater and surface water, imported water, and recycled water.”

The plan, prepared by district staff, provides an overview of the district’s projected water demands and available supplies, and then conducts a “stress test” to ensure that the district has sufficient supplies to meet demands even during a multi-year drought. In such a drought, the district estimates it still would have a surplus supply of over 20 percent to meet the projected demands of its wholesale and retail customers.

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All state urban water providers with over 3,000 connections or serving over 3,000 acre-feet per year are required to prepare and adopt an urban water management plan every five years. The plans are then submitted to the California Department of Water Resources. Water providers who submit complete plans maintain eligibility for state water management grants and loans.

Since adopting its last urban water management plan in 2005, the district has constructed five new groundwater wells, built a recycled water distribution system to serve eighteen landscape irrigation customers, and purchased over 300 shares in San Antonio Water Company. In total, these investments increased the district's capacity to produce water supply by over 15,000 acre-feet, or 75 percent of the water used by its retail and wholesale customers in 2010. An acre-foot is the average amount of water used by two homes in one year.

"Monte Vista Water District has moved aggressively in the past five years to develop additional local water resources to ensure a reliable supply for our customers," said Mark Kinsey, district general manager. "We are pleased that our urban water management plan clearly shows the district is achieving this goal."

The 2010 plan also reports the district's urban water use reduction targets to assist the state in achieving a 20 percent reduction in urban water use by 2020. Through recent efforts by district customers to significantly reduce their water use, the district is already achieving its 20 percent reduction goal.

The plan is available for download from the District's website, www.mvwd.org, as well as in hard copy at the District Office, 10575 Central Avenue, Montclair.