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Governor Declares Statewide Drought Emergency Over

Monte Vista Water District Customers Maintain Efficient Water Use Habits Before, During, and After Drought

MONTCLAIR, CA On Friday, Governor Brown declared an end to California's statewide drought emergency. Monte Vista Water District once again congratulates its customers on using water efficiently before, during, and after the drought and asks them to continue their successful conservation efforts.

The governor's declaration recognizes recent rains and unprecedented levels of conservation have resulted in the end of drought conditions for most of the state. His executive order removes mandatory conservation standards on water agencies, while maintaining prohibitions on wasteful water use practices such as irrigation runoff and hosing down pavements. The declaration will have no impact on the district or its customers, who have been following water use efficiency best practices since 2010.

"Monte Vista has been a leader in promoting wise and efficient water use well before the recent drought and state regulatory actions," said Board President Sandra Rose. "Our customers have made water use efficiency a part of their everyday lives, rain or shine."

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Between June 2015 and March 2017, district customers reduced water use by 21 percent compared to 2013. Longer-term, customers have reduced water use by 35 percent over the past decade and are now using water at or below the state efficiency standard. Customers are responding to the district's active promotion of water use efficiency through the implementation of budget-based tiered rates and permanent water use requirements.

The district continues to provide information and resources to assist customers in using water efficiently and reducing waste. It recently invited customers to celebrate "Fix a Leak Week" during March 20-24 by finding and fixing leaks in their homes and properties. The district is currently promoting its "Water You Doing..." outreach campaign to further engage customers on what actions they are taking to save water. Customers are invited to sign up for programs that survey and retrofit irrigation system technologies free of charge. Additionally, customers will soon have access to a new online tool to track their water use, review conservation tips, and connect to water use efficiency programs and incentives.

For more information, please visit the district's website, www.mvwd.org.