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### VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT TO IMPLEMENT MORE STRINGENT WATER USE RESTRICTIONS

*Landscape watering limited to two assigned days per week beginning June 6, 2015.*

Vista, CA—

The Vista Irrigation District board of directors amended its Water Supply Response Program and will implement more stringent mandatory water conservation measures effective June 6, 2015.

The board of directors' action is consistent with the State Water Resources Control Board's (State Board) emergency conservation regulations which require urban water suppliers to implement water conservation measures aimed at reducing potable water use by 25% statewide as well as the San Diego County Water Authority's requirement that its member agencies, including the Vista Irrigation District, limit outdoor irrigation of ornamental landscapes and turf to no more than two days per week.

The board of directors amended the Water Supply Response Program to comply with the new State Board emergency regulations, adding provisions prohibiting the watering of landscapes during or 48 hours after measurable rainfall and the watering of turf in public street medians. The new rules also change the hours that landscape can be irrigated and shortens the timeframe that customers have to repair leaks.

#### **LANDSCAPE WATERING DAYS**

**Homes with EVEN addresses  
(i.e. 1234 Main Street)**

Saturday & Wednesday

**Homes with ODD addresses  
(i.e. 1231 Main Street)**

Sunday & Thursday

**Apartments/Condominiums, Businesses and  
Public Agencies (i.e. county, cities, schools,  
etc.)**

Monday & Friday

10 minutes per water station per assigned day

The district will remain at the Level 2 Water Conservation condition within the Water Supply Response Program and implement the following mandatory water use restrictions:

1. Limit landscape irrigation to 2 assigned days per week.
2. Limit lawn and landscape irrigation using sprinklers to no more than 10 minutes per water station per assigned day. This provision does not apply to landscape irrigation systems using water efficient devices, such as drip/micro irrigation systems and stream rotor sprinklers.
3. Irrigate landscape before 8 a.m. and after 8 p.m.
4. No watering of landscapes during or 48 hours after it rains.
5. No watering ornamental turf in public street medians.
6. No washing down of paved surfaces except for health and safety purposes.
7. Eliminate water waste resulting from inefficient landscape irrigation and run off.
8. Nurseries and commercial growers water before 8 a.m. and after 8 p.m.
9. Use re-circulated water to operate ornamental fountains.
10. Wash vehicles with a bucket, a hand-held hose with positive shut-off nozzle, or at a commercial site that re-circulates (reclaims) water on site.
11. Serve and refill water in restaurants and other food service establishments only upon request.
12. Offer guests in hotel, motel and other commercial lodging establishment the option of not laundering towels and linens daily.
13. Repair all water leaks within forty-eight (48) hours of notification by the district.
14. Use recycled or non-potable water for construction purposes when available.
15. Commercial and agricultural customers are asked to implement all measures practicable toward improving efficiency and conserving water.

Assigned landscape watering days for all Vista Irrigation District customers will be as follows:

- Homes with EVEN addresses (i.e. 1234 Main Street): Saturday and Wednesday
- Homes with ODD addresses (i.e. 1231 Main Street): Sunday and Thursday
- Apartments/Condominiums, Businesses and Public Agencies (i.e. cities, county schools, etc.): Monday and Friday

The Vista Irrigation District's Water Supply Response Program is comprised of four levels and addresses the conditions under which water use restrictions are required. As water supply conditions become more critical, the call for conservation measures increases. These conservation measures apply to all customers, including homeowners and businesses. The four levels of restrictions are tied to water supply conditions as well as water cutbacks required by the

State Board and/or the region's water wholesalers, the San Diego County Water Authority and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

The Vista Irrigation District is a public agency governed by an elected five-member board. The district provides water service to more than 124,000 people in the city of Vista, and portions of San Marcos, Escondido, Oceanside, and unincorporated areas of San Diego County.

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