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Victorville Water District Adopts Water Conservation Ordinance and Resolution *Measures intended to help District achieve State-mandated 28 % water conservation requirement.*

Victorville, CA - On May 19, 2015, the Victorville Water District (VWD/ District) Board of Directors adopted Ordinance VWD-012 and Resolution VWD 15-006. The Victorville Water District's action was taken in response to regulations adopted by the California State Water Resources Control Board's (SWRCB) which mandate all water suppliers to conserve. The Water Resources Board has mandated that the Victorville Water District reduce potable water production by 28% compared to 2013 levels.

Ordinance VWD-012 establishes a frame work for water conservation efforts in the Victorville Water District. It establishes four different stages of water conservation that are required, depending on the severity of water shortage.

Stage 1 (Conservation) is in effect at all times and includes the following main provisions:

- Water waste is prohibited. Water waste is defined as "unreasonable or non-beneficial use of water...use of water for any purpose which allows flooding or run off..."
- Designated hours for Summer/Winter outdoor sprinkler operations. Summer hours from June-September are 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. For larger systems having multiple controllers and more than 10 watering zones, hours are from 10 p.m. to 9 a.m. to accommodate the time to apply cycle and soak method for more efficient watering. Winter hours are October through May from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Watering by hand those brown or dry spots at other times is allowed, if a hand-held hose is equipped with a shut off nozzle.
- It is prohibited to water of turf, ground cover, open ground, shrubs, etc. in a manner or to an extent which allows Excess Runoff. Excess Runoff is defined to be runoff which causes flooding, impedes traffic, creates a hazardous condition, or causes damage to public or private rights of way.
- Use of potable (drinkable) water in fountains or other water features is prohibited, unless the fountain has a re-circulating system.
- Washing down solid surfaces such as driveways, sidewalks, or patios is prohibited, unless necessary for health or safety.
- Restaurants are prohibited from serving water to customers, unless is it specifically requested.
- It is prohibited to apply water to outdoor landscapes during or within 48 hours of measurable rain.
- It is prohibited to irrigate ornamental turf on public street medians.

Stage 1 also prohibits installation of Water-Intensive Landscape or Turf in right-of-way, narrow paths, parking strips, or along foundations, areas less than 5 feet wide. It also sets limits for Water Intensive landscape for new or rehabilitated non-residential facilities and residential facilities.

On May 19th, the Victorville Water District Board also adopted Resolution VWD 15-006. This resolution declared a water shortage emergency and called for immediate implementation of a Stage 2 Threatened Water Supply Shortage.

The Stage 2 restrictions now in effect include:

- Outdoor sprinkler watering is limited to 3 days per week for residents and businesses.
- Locations with an address ending in an “Odd” number—1, 3, 5, 7, or 9— may water on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays. Locations with an address ending in an “Even” number—0, 2, 4, 6, or 8— may water on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.
- Those without addresses (LMADs) and other large outdoor landscapes at parks and facilities such as: schools, cemeteries, golf courses and industrial sites are prohibited from Wed/Sat watering, but those with Large Systems of more than 10 watering stations can submit alternative “Reduction Plan” showing how conservation will be achieved.
- Motor vehicle washing is prohibited, except at commercial washes with recirculating system.
- Pools/spas must be covered when not in use.
- Fall overseeding of turf areas, unless irrigated with reclaimed water for non-residential water intensive landscape is prohibited.

The Victorville Water District has already taken action by limiting watering along several city median islands to only trees and bushes. The Green Tree Golf Course has applied for the Cash For Grass turf removal program through Mojave Water Agency and is planning to remove up to 30 acres of turf by narrowing fairways and removing grass in other margins. The City of Victorville Parks Division has also identified turf areas to remove through the Cash for Grass program. Plans are also progressing to bring recycled, non-potable water to Schmidt Park and Westwinds Sports Center.

Victorville residents and businesses who have questions about water conservation are encouraged to contact the Water Conservation Division at 866-955-4426. “Our Water Conservation Division is here to assist our water customers,” commented City of Victorville Environmental Programs Manager, Dana Armstrong. “We want to work in partnership with residents and businesses to conserve our valuable water supply and meet the State’s mandate of 28% water conservation.”

The City of Victorville’s Water Conservation Division can assist Victorville water users. The Water Conservation Division offers assistance with the Cash 4 Grass program, water usage analysis, leak detection, conservation kits for residents, shower heads, faucet aerators and a low flow toilet exchange program. For more information about Victorville Water District, conservation tips, and rebate information, visit www.victorvilleconserves or call 866-955-4426 (4H20)

A complete copy of the Ordinance VWD-012 and Resolution VWD 15-006 is available on the City of Victorville website: www.Victorvilleca.gov