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Santa Fe Irrigation District: Mandatory Water Restrictions Take Effect July 1

Drought Response Level 2 conservation measures set to achieve 6 percent reduction in use

RANCHO SANTA FE, Calif.—For customers of the **Santa Fe Irrigation District (SFID)**, mandatory water conservation measures take effect on July 1. The restrictions on water use apply to residential and business customers within the service territory of the City of Solana Beach, Rancho Santa Fe and Fairbanks Ranch.

SFID instituted the restrictions to minimize the effects of water supply shortages and to provide a reliable supply of water “essential to public health, safety and welfare.”

On May 21, SFID’s Board of Directors declared a **Drought Response Level 2 Condition**, which will remain in effect until the Board determines the restrictions are no longer necessary. The Board set a target of a **6 percent reduction** in water use.

“The quickest and least expensive way to reduce overall demand and safeguard our water supply is through conservation,” said Michael Bardin, general manager of the SFID. “Achieving our reduction goal requires a communitywide effort. Working together, we can build a sustainable water supply and ensure quality of life for generations to come.”

Under the Level 2 Condition, mandatory water conservation measures include:

- All voluntary conservation measures included in Level 1, declared by the Board on Oct. 16, 2008.
- No washing down of paved surfaces, except when it is necessary to alleviate safety or sanitation hazards.
- Use positive shut-off nozzles on hoses or use buckets when hand-watering plants.
- Limit lawn watering and landscape irrigation, using sprinklers, to no more than ten (10) minutes per watering station per assigned day before 8 a.m. or after 6 p.m. A schedule is available from the District office or online at www.sfidwater.org.

- Stop water waste resulting from inefficient landscape irrigation, such as runoff, broken sprinklers, or overspray.
- Repair all leaks within 72 hours of notification by the District.
- Stop operating ornamental fountains or similar decorative water features unless recycled water is used.
- Use recycled or non-potable water for construction purposes when available.

The penalties for violating the mandatory water conservation measures range from notification by letter for a first violation to an administrative fine of \$500 for a fourth violation in a one-year period, in accordance with Section 17.12 of SFID's Drought Response Policies and Procedures—Violations and Penalties.

The Level 2 declaration does not implement water allocations or restrict the issuance of new potable-water service meters.

For more information on the mandatory water-use restrictions, visit Santa Fe Irrigation District's Web site: www.sfidwater.org.

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About Santa Fe Irrigation District

The Santa Fe Irrigation District provides water and related services to residential, commercial and agricultural customers in the communities of Rancho Santa Fe, Solana Beach and Fairbanks Ranch. The District serves about 22,000 customers in a 16-square-mile area. The District supplies over 4.5 billion gallons (or 13,500 acre feet) of water per year to its customers, using a blend of local water from Lake Hodges and imported water purchased through the San Diego County Water Authority. The District administers and operates the jointly owned R.E. Badger Filtration Plant, a 40-million-gallon-per-day water-treatment plant. The District has historical rights to local water supplies from Lake Hodges and the San Dieguito Reservoir.

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