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Metropolitan Water District Board Votes to Limit Outdoor Watering to One-Day-Per-Week

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) Board of Directors voted to limit outdoor watering to one-day-per-week for more than six million customers across Southern California amid worsening drought conditions.

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Calabasas, CA – The MWD Board of Directors declared a Water Shortage Emergency Condition at their meeting on Tuesday, limiting outdoor irrigation to one-day-per-week as worsening drought conditions ravage the state. The new watering restrictions will impact more than six million Southern California residents who are dependent on water from the State Water Project (SWP), including all customers of Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (LVMWD).

The new restrictions, effective June 1, will work in tandem with the 50% reduction in outdoor water budgets approved by the LVMWD Board of Directors at their April 5 meeting. By adhering to the upcoming one-day-per-week watering restriction, customers will more than satisfy the current 50% outdoor water budget reduction.

Exceptions to the one-day-per-week limit include hand-watering of trees and other perennials, drip irrigation systems, and areas irrigated with recycled water. Additionally, MWD is working with the California Department of Water Resources to establish a mechanism to maintain buffer areas for wildfire protection amid these new restrictions.

The new requirements come as severe drought continues to strain the entire state, producing record dry winter months, record low reservoir levels, and significantly reduced snowpack. These unprecedented conditions necessitate the measures taken by the District and its regional partners to ensure sufficient supplies for human health and safety needs.

On May 17th, the LVMWD Board will receive a briefing on the drought conditions, consider all available options and hear community input before approving a resolution to enact the new measures. Given the importance of the issue, LVMWD will hold a virtual town hall meeting on May 11 at 6 p.m. to review the proposed restrictions and encourage customer feedback.

For more information and details on the upcoming town hall meeting, drought, conservation, and rebates, please visit www.lvmwd.com.

Be sure to follow LVMWD on Facebook, Twitter @lvmwd, and Instagram @LasVirgenes_MWD to join the conversation.

Las Virgenes Municipal Water District provides potable water, wastewater treatment, recycled water, and biosolids composting to more than 70,000 residents in the cities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Westlake Village, and unincorporated areas of western Los Angeles County.

