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**State Water Project Allocation for Southern California
Reduced to Zero for 2014;
LVMWD Conservation Measures in Effect**

(CALABASAS, CA February 3, 2014) Citing current drought conditions as the worst in recorded history, Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. has proclaimed a "State of Emergency" for California and directed officials to take all necessary actions to prepare for the drought conditions. In addition, the California Department of Water Resources has reduced its allocation of water for State Water Project contractors to zero in 2014. Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (LVMWD) and its wholesale water provider, the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) of Southern California fully support the Governor's action, which calls for a voluntary 20% water use reduction.

David W. Pedersen, LVMWD's General Manager said, "We join the Governor and water agencies throughout the state in urging customers to reduce their water usage. We assure our customers that we can continue to provide water but are now relying upon stored supplies, which are presently adequate to meet our needs. However, if the drought continues into 2015, the water we save this year will be the water we rely upon next year. If LVMWD customers resume the conservation practices they used in 2009, we'll be fine. At that time, they reduced usage by more than 20 percent. "

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LVMWD has the following mandatory water restrictions now in effect:

1. Irrigation is prohibited between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.
2. Irrigation water may not run off property into streets, gutters or onto adjacent properties.
3. Irrigation may not occur during periods of rain or in the 24 hours following rainfall of an inch or more.
4. The washing down of sidewalks, parking areas and driveways is not permitted, unless an approved water broom is used.
5. A trigger nozzle is required on hoses used for home car washing.

The following enforcement actions apply when a violation of the above restrictions is observed:

- First violation – notification letter;
- second violation - \$50;
- third violation - \$100;
- fourth violation - \$250;
- fifth violation – District may install a flow restriction device or terminate service.

Mr. Pedersen asked customers to reduce irrigation to no more than every other day and to be sure there is no runoff from irrigated areas.

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Extensive conservation information is available at the District's website; www.LVMWD.com and click on "Conservation". Within those pages, customers can access information on water-saving methods, rebates toward the purchase of qualifying water-saving devices and appliances, water-wise garden designs and plant selections and "best practices" for managing irrigation.

LVMWD also offers a number of rebate programs on water-saving devices:

- "Mow No Mow" Lawn Replacement Program (Up to \$2,500)
- High Efficiency Toilet (\$50)
- High Efficiency Clothes Washer (\$110)
- Weather-Based Irrigation Controller (\$80)
- Rotating Sprinkler Heads (\$4 rebate each, minimum 15 heads)
- Rain Barrel (\$75)
- Soil Moisture Sensor System (\$80)

Customers are urged to learn the qualifying details before making a purchase at www.socalwatersmart.com.

Mr. Pedersen added the LVMWD Board will be discussing drought response measures at its February 11 meeting. Among the actions being considered will be additional customer outreach, establishment of a special e-mail address to report water leaks or irrigation violations and other conservation measures.

Las Virgenes MWD provides potable water, wastewater treatment, recycled water and biosolids composting services to residents of the cities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Westlake Village and adjacent unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.