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Las Virgenes Municipal Water District Urges Customers to Find and Repair Household Leaks During “Fix a Leak Week,” March 14-20

CALABASAS, CA (March 3, 2016)— According to the U.S Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) household water leaks waste more than 1 trillion gallons of water nationwide each year. As California continues to battle a severe drought, saving every drop of water possible takes on added importance. The EPA’s WaterSense program designates March 14-20, 2016 as “Fix a Leak Week” to remind homeowners to check household pipes and irrigation systems for leaks.

“A good method to check for leaks is to examine your water meter before and after a 15-minute period when no water is being used,” said LVMWD General Manager David W. Pedersen. “If your water meter does not read exactly the same after 15 minutes, you probably have a leak.” For step-by-step instructions on how to check for leaks, visit www.LVMWD.com/WaterSystemTroubleshooting.

Common types of household leaks include worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets, and leaking sprinkler systems—all of which are easy to repair. Learn how to fix these and other types of leaks at: www3.epa.gov/watersense/our_water/howto.html. By fixing leaks around your home, you won’t just save water; you’ll also save money.

Should you need to replace a plumbing fixture, look for the EPA WaterSense-label. Products bearing the WaterSense label are 20 percent more water efficient than average products in that category and they achieve independent, third-party testing and certification. Some water-saving toilets and clothes washers are also eligible for rebates from www.socalwatersmart.com. For more information on “Fix a Leak Week,” visit www.epa.gov/watersense/fixaleak.

Las Virgenes Municipal Water District provides potable water and wastewater treatment services to residents of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Westlake Village and adjacent unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County including the Santa Monica Mountains and Chatsworth.

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