

OMWD Implements New Measures to Comply with Statewide Mandatory Emergency Regulations

As we continue through the fourth year of California's historic drought, Governor Jerry Brown issued an executive order on April 1 requiring California's State Water Resources Control Board to implement new emergency regulations aimed at water conservation.

At its May meeting, the SWRCB implemented new regulations that require OMWD to reduce its overall potable water deliveries by 32 percent month-over-month compared to a 2013 baseline. OMWD lobbied intensely against these rigorous requirements, noting the large per-capita cuts in water use that OMWD customers have made over the last several years. However, the SWRCB maintained its targets, and OMWD must comply.

Accordingly, we have incorporated new mandatory water use restrictions into our drought ordinance, and will transition to Level 2 water rates (details can be found on page 2). In addition, OMWD will more

closely watch for violations of the mandatory water restrictions, and will implement fines for those customers that are cited for continued violations.

New restrictions on water use include:

- **Shut off sprinklers and irrigation systems during, and within 48 hours following measurable rainfall.**
- **Discontinue use of fountains or other decorative water features unless they utilize a water recirculating system.**
- **Restaurants and other food service establishments must only serve water to customers when requested.**
- **Hotels and motels must provide guests with the option of choosing not to have towels and linens laundered daily.**

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Even-numbered houses may irrigate on **Tuesday** and **Friday**.



Multi-family accounts and **non-residential accounts** may water on **Monday** and **Thursday**.

The 10-minute-per-day irrigation limit also still applies; however, note that irrigation can take place in several smaller cycles as long as the cycles do not exceed 10 minutes in a given day.

For updated information on water use restrictions in effect at OMWD, please visit www.olivenhain.com/shortage.





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Please visit our website at olivenhain.com for dates.

MISSION STATEMENT

Olivenhain Municipal Water District is a multi-functioning public agency that is dedicated and committed to serving present and future customers in a service-oriented manner by:

Water

Providing safe, reliable, high-quality drinking water while exceeding all regulatory requirements in a cost-effective and environmentally responsive manner.

Recycled Water

Providing recycled water and wastewater treatment in the most cost-effective and environmentally responsive method.

Parks

Safely operating the Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve and providing all users with a unique recreational, educational, and environmental experience.

Emergency Management

Complying with policies and procedures that adhere to local, state, and federal guidelines for national security and disaster preparedness.

Sustainable Operations

Pursuing alternative and/or renewable resources with the most sustainable, efficient, and cost-effective approach.



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OMWD to Move to Level 2 Water Rates

As a result of action at the state level requiring OMWD to reduce its overall water use by 32 percent versus 2013, OMWD will implement Level 2 Water Supply Shortage Rates.

The conservation demands imposed by the state require that OMWD use all available tools to encourage conservation, including a higher level of conservation-based pricing. An update to OMWD's drought rates was completed as a part of the 2014 cost of service study and in moving to Level 2 rates OMWD anticipates water use will be reduced by up to 25 percent, moving us closer to the state's 32 percent target.

Level 2 rates will be effective with the July 1 water bills. While those customers using little water each month are unlikely to see a significant change in their monthly bill, higher users will need to reduce their use to avoid higher bills.

Level 2: Rates & Rules 2015 Chart

MONTHLY WATER RATES & CHARGES

Effective April 1, 2015

WATER RATES PER UNIT (1 unit = 748 gallons)

The rates include costs from San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) from which OMWD must purchase 100% of its potable water supply.

WATER SUPPLY SHORTAGE

For updates, please visit: www.olivenhain.com/shortage

CUSTOMER TYPE	WATCH/LEVEL 1 Voluntary	ALERT/LEVEL 2 Mandatory
Domestic		
0 - 6 Units	\$2.25	\$2.36
7 - 25 Units	\$3.93	\$4.11
26 - 80 Units	\$4.65	\$5.29
Over 80 Units	\$5.44	\$5.91
Agricultural	\$3.93	\$4.02
Commercial	\$3.36	\$3.44
Irrigation		
Tier 1	\$3.60	\$3.77
Tier 2	\$4.88	\$5.30
Construction	\$6.58	\$7.15
Recycled	\$3.18	\$3.18



New Recycled Water Projects to Continue Reducing Potable Water Use

As part of OMWD's ongoing effort to expand and diversify our water supply, OMWD has pursued a number of recycled water projects. Every drop of potable water use that is converted to recycled water use helps us meet the recently imposed water reduction targets.

This May, OMWD and the Farms Golf Club in Rancho Santa Fe celebrated completion of the club's conversion from potable to recycled water, which will save up to 215 acre-feet (approximately 70 million gallons) of potable water per year.

Similarly, over the last few years, OMWD has converted several other golf courses, including Crosby, Fairbanks, and Morgan Run to recycled water, saving another 912 acre-feet (255 million gallons) of potable water per year. Recent and upcoming golf course conversions will save 325 million gallons per year of potable, imported water, enough for nearly 2,321 families.

OMWD is excited to turn attention to the Village Park Recycled Water Project, of which construction is now underway. Once finalized in 2016, the Village Park project will expand recycled water service to Encinitas' Village Park community, introducing a drought-resistant and lower-cost source of water.

As construction ramps up, OMWD will be reaching out to area residents to provide further information on the project and its benefits. A community event will be held at 6 p.m. on June 11 at Flora Vista Elementary School at which OMWD staff will address project questions or concerns. Residents that would like to learn more about the Village Park project, including information on road closures during construction, please visit www.olivenhain.com/villageparkrw or call the project information line at **760-632-4228**.

In addition, regular updates on the project will be available on the OMWD Facebook page (www.facebook.com/olivenhainwater) and Twitter feed (@OMWD) with the hashtag #VillageParkRW.



OMWD and the Farms Golf Club officials turn recycled water valve.



OMWD and its contractor, SC Valley Engineering, working along Via Cantebria in Encinitas.

Best in the State

OMWD is proud to announce it has received recognition for three important projects that were recently completed. In May, OMWD's 4S Ranch Water Reclamation Facility was named "Plant of the Year" by the California Water Environment Association.

Earlier this year, the facility initially received "Plant of the Year" for the San Diego region, and was then selected from 16 other regional winners as best in the entire state.

Over the past three years, the 4S Ranch Water Reclamation Facility has processed and produced over 1.1 billion gallons of high-quality recycled water, which is used for irrigation purposes at schools, parks, golf courses, streetscapes, and homeowner association common areas in the southeastern portion of OMWD's service area.

In addition, the American Public Works Association's San Diego and Imperial Counties Chapter awarded OMWD the 2015 "Project of the Year" for its Solar Photovoltaic System project, along with an honor award for the Emergency Generator Project at OMWD headquarters. The photovoltaic project has switched two of our pump stations to sustainable solar energy while reducing energy costs to our ratepayers, while the generator project allows us to keep water flowing to customers in the event of a power loss or other regional emergency.



OMWD board, management, and 4S Ranch Water Reclamation Facility staff accepting the Plant of the Year award.



OMWD members of the board, General Manager Kimberly Thorne, and staff at the 2015 APWA ceremony.

10th Annual Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve Annual Photo Contest

Once again, it's time for the annual Elfin Forest Recreation Reserve Annual Photo Contest. This year is the tenth installment of this fun opportunity for amateur photographers.

With 11 miles of trails that offer views of the Pacific Ocean, Olivenhain Reservoir, Escondido Creek, and natural backcountry, Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve is among San Diego County's most photographable locations.

To showcase this natural beauty, OMWD invites shutterbugs of all ages to enter the contest. All entries will be considered, regardless of whether they were taken using professional equipment or on a camera phone. The contest runs from June 12 to September 20. Please visit www.olivenhain.com/photo for official rules and to upload your entry. Good luck!

Previous Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve Photo Contest Winners.



Live Oak Canopy (2014 Best in Show, Alicia B. Warwick)



Nature's Path

Consumer Confidence Report Now Available

State and federal law require that we share our water quality data with you every year in a detailed Consumer Confidence Report. As always, OMWD is proud and excited to share this information with our customers. Once again, we have met or exceeded all state and federal water quality standards for your drinking water. We firmly believe you have a right to know the sources of your water and what is in the water you drink, which is why OMWD conveniently posts our Consumer Confidence Report online at www.olivenhain.com/CCR.



State Of California Requires 32 Percent Reduction In OMWD's Water Use

California is experiencing its fourth-straight dry year. Snow water content in the Sierra Nevada snowpack on April 1 was just 5 percent of its historical average – the lowest since snowpack records began in 1950 – which means there will be no significant runoff during the summer and fall when California's water demands typically increase. State, regional, and local drought actions are a response to extended hot and dry conditions across California.

Due to drought conditions, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) has mandated that OMWD needs to reduce our overall monthly districtwide water use by 32 percent. This became official after a May vote by the SWRCB. Many OMWD customers have already made positive changes over the last several years to use water more efficiently at their homes and businesses. However, in light of this new mandate, each customer must continue to do their part to conserve our valuable water resources.

Each property has a water meter that was specifically sized for the property's water demands. The size of your meter is located on your monthly OMWD bill statement. **You can use the meter size and the chart below to identify the units of water your household should target each month to keep your usage at least 32 percent lower than the average consumption for your meter size in 2013.**

Household Water Use Targets for June, July, and August

Average household with a
5/8" meter should use **7 units**

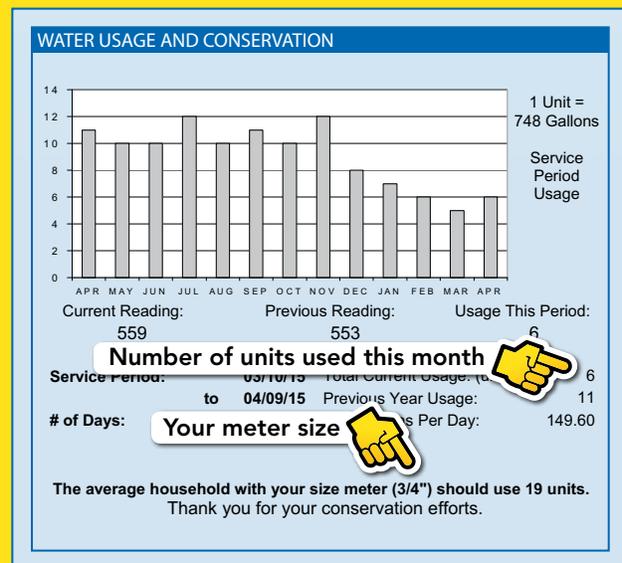
Average household with a
3/4" meter should use **19 units**

Average household with a
1" meter should use **67 units**

Average household with a
1 1/2" meter should use **113 units**

Average household with a
2" meter should use **157 units**

How to Find Your Meter Size on Your Bill



If your water consumption falls below these targets, congratulations on your conservation efforts! If your water consumption is above the targets, please see the reverse side for programs and rebates to help you reduce your water consumption. OMWD customers can access account information at any time, pay bills, and sign up for ebills at www.olivenhain.com/ebills.

OMWD Drought Conservation Watering Schedule

Due to the recent mandates OMWD has also shifted to a two-days-per-week watering schedule instead of three, effective immediately, as follows:

The image contains three callout boxes, each with a white sprinkler icon and a blue background. The first box is light blue and contains the text: "Odd-numbered houses may water on Monday and Thursday." The second box is medium blue and contains the text: "Even-numbered houses may water on Tuesday and Friday." The third box is dark blue and contains the text: "Multi-family accounts and non-residential accounts may water on Monday and Thursday."

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What can I do?

As an OMWD customer, you can reduce your use by applying for rebates on water-efficient devices.

Visit www.olivenhain.com/rebates for additional information.

- Cash for Grass Program: Additional funding became available at the end of May. Updates and specific application information can be found at: www.socalwatersmart.com.
- Residential Incentives: Incentives are available to OMWD's residential customers on a variety of products like high-efficiency clothes washers and toilets, rain barrels, soil moisture sensor systems, weather-based irrigation controllers, and rotating sprinkler nozzles. For details, visit www.socalwatersmart.com or call **888-376-3314**.
- Commercial Incentives: Incentives are also available to OMWD's commercial customers. Visit www.olivenhain.com/rebates for an extensive listing.

OMWD customers can also take advantage of our free water use evaluation service, which helps customers save both water and money. This one-hour educational service to promote water use efficiency at your home will provide you with a custom list of ways to improve water use efficiency, locate potential leaks inside and outside your home, and develop an irrigation schedule specifically for your landscape. Visit www.olivenhain.com/evaluation for more information and to schedule a water use evaluation today!

Additionally, if you witness water waste, let OMWD know by filling out a waste report at www.olivenhain.com/waste.