

OMWD Board to Consider Staff Recommendation at July 20, 2016 Board Meeting to Lower Rates and Reduce Restrictions

At the July 20 board meeting, OMWD's Board of Directors will consider a staff recommendation to move out of the current Level 2 Water Supply Shortage due to the revised Emergency Regulation adopted by the State Water Resource Control Board on May 18, 2016. The Regulation will remain in place through February 2017, and it allows water agencies to replace their state-imposed mandatory reduction in water use (which required OMWD to reduce water use by 24 percent when compared to 2013 usage) by self-certifying their conservation standard based on local supply availability.

Due to the investments in drought-resilient supplies that ratepayers in our region have made over the last several decades, OMWD expects to meet demands with existing supply, even when accounting for the possibility of three additional dry years as required by the SWRCB's supply-demand forecast methodology. Once the SWRCB approves OMWD's revised conservation standard, the Board of Directors will consider moving out of the Level 2 Water Supply Shortage and Level 2 water rates. This is anticipated to occur at the July 20, 2016 board meeting.

State-mandated restrictions on practices that waste potable water will remain effective through February 2017, and are being considered by the state to be made permanent. However, moving out of a Level 2 Water Supply Shortage would lift some restrictions, such as those that limit when, how long, and how often customers may operate their irrigation systems—see the table on the reverse for details. **If approved by the board, moving out of Level 2 rates would lower the price per unit of potable water effective with the July 31 water bills.**

OMWD customers have taken extraordinary efforts to conserve water during this time of declared emergency, and immediately responded to the governor's call for Californians to reduce their water use. OMWD continues its efforts to promote water use efficiency and encourage voluntary reductions in order to support the governor's call to "make conservation a California way of life."

"Make conservation a California way of life."

- GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN



Using a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks can save 8-18 gallons per minute.

Effects of Revised Emergency Regulation

State-Mandated Restrictions (These remain in effect across the state)	Restrictions That Would Be Lifted Upon Discontinuance of Level 2 Water Supply Shortage
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not use potable water to irrigate ornamental turf on public street medians. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time-of-day watering restrictions are now voluntary. Irrigation is recommended before 8:00 a.m. and after 6:00 p.m. to prevent water loss from evaporation or wind.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not use potable water to irrigate landscapes of new homes and buildings when inconsistent with state building requirements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no longer a day-of-the-week watering schedule. Irrigation is permitted on any day of the week.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not irrigate outdoors during and within 48 hours following measurable precipitation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no longer limits for irrigation station run times. Irrigation controllers may be programmed for any length of time.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not use potable water in decorative water features that do not recirculate water. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OMWD now strongly recommends repairing all leaks within five days of discovery.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not use a hand-held hose that is not equipped with a shut-off nozzle to wash cars. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is no longer mandatory for a hand-held hose to be equipped with a shut-off nozzle when irrigating landscape (not irrigated by an irrigation system); however, it is recommended.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not allow runoff when irrigating with potable water. 	<div data-bbox="836 955 1177 1417" data-label="Figure"> <p><i>U.S. Drought Monitor</i> California</p> <p><i>Intensity:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abnormally Dry Moderate Drought Severe Drought Extreme Drought Exceptional Drought </div> <p>Residents are encouraged to continue water conservation efforts as much of the state is still experiencing drought conditions.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not use potable water to wash sidewalks and driveways. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hotels and motels must provide guests with the option of not having towels and linens laundered daily. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restaurants and other food service establishments may only serve water to customers upon request. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commercial, industrial, and institutional properties that use a water supply other than from a water supplier shall either target potable water use reductions to the closest water supplier or limit irrigation to two days per week. 	



OMWD's Water Sources

Only 3% of OMWD's source water came from California's State Water Project in 2015 as a result of drought conditions. The majority of OMWD's source water last year was the Colorado River.

For more information on OMWD's 2015 water sources and drinking water quality which meets or exceeds all water quality regulatory requirements, view our annual water quality report at www.olivenhain.com/ccr. Please call 760-632-4213 or stop by our offices located at 1966 Olivenhain Road, Encinitas, 92024 to obtain a hard copy.