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RMWD Returns to Level 1 Drought Watch

Revive your landscape while being "water-smart!"

At the regular Board of Directors meeting of July 27, 2010, the Ramona Municipal Water District adopted a resolution to return to a Level 1 Drought Watch (voluntary water use restrictions), effective August 1, 2010.

"The Ramona Municipal Water District Board of Directors has determined that District water supply demands are well below the County Water Authority (CWA)'s established target allocation limit for Ramona, allowing RMWD to return to a Level 1 Drought Watch," stated Board President Jim Robinson.

When the Level 2 Drought Alert was established in July of 2009, District customers were asked to reduce their water use by 8% on a voluntary basis. With significant individual effort and dedication, Ramona residents have far exceeded our conservation goal by reducing water consumption by approximately 20% from the CWA target allocation for the Ramona Municipal Water District.

"As RMWD customers have been very responsive to our water conservation requests during the past year, combined with the normal rainfall and cooler weather, the District can comfortably return to a Level 1 Drought Watch, effective August 1, 2010," Ralph McIntosh, RMWD General Manager stated.

By returning to the Level 1 Drought Watch, all of the mandatory Level 2 restrictions become voluntary. Level 1 allows the opportunity for yards and landscapes in our community to be rejuvenated, so families can plan and enjoy customary outdoor activities during the hot summer months; however, customers should continue to be water-wise while increasing their irrigation usage. Efficient watering practices, such as irrigating after 6 p.m. and before 10 a.m., continue to be recommended.

The water district participates in programs providing customer rebates for water-efficient products. Water-efficient irrigation controllers and sprinkler heads, as well as high-efficiency residential clothes washers are included in the list of products available for rebates. For more rebate information, visit the District website www.rmwd.org and click on the Conservation tab. Free landscape audits by a professional auditor are available to evaluate both indoor and outdoor water use, including landscape irrigation systems. Call (866) 883-1332 to schedule an audit.

The water supply challenge will be an ongoing effort in California, so our water supply must never be taken for granted, but continually appreciated as a precious and vital resource. Please visit www.rmwd.com for helpful water conservation and landscape irrigation information.

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