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## Press Release

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### Vallecitos Board declares Level 2 Drought Alert

To comply with the recent emergency water conservation mandates enacted by the State and follow suit with its wholesaler, the San Diego County Water Authority, which recently declared a Level 2 Drought Alert, the Vallecitos Water District Board of Directors unanimously voted to move to a Level 2 Drought Alert at their regular meeting yesterday.

The new drought level will prompt mandatory water-use restrictions for all Vallecitos customers starting today and into the foreseeable future. This action will help San Diego County keep as much water as possible in storage for 2015.

As detailed in the District's Board-approved drought ordinance, the mandatory conservation actions for Level 2 include:

- Residential and commercial landscape irrigation being limited to no more than three days per week, and no more than once a week from November through May. (Excludes commercial growers or nurseries).
- Irrigation sprinklers being limited to no more than 10 minutes per watering station per day. (Systems using water-efficient devices are excluded).
- Ceasing the washing down of pavements and other hard surfaces, including sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts and patios.
- Preventing water waste associated with inefficient landscape irrigation as well as flows onto non-targeted areas such as nearby properties, hardscapes, or roadways.
- Irrigating only before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m.
- Using a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shut-off nozzle or bucket to irrigate landscapes not connected to an automatic system.
- Ceasing operation of ornamental fountains unless re-circulated water is used.
- Washing vehicles using a bucket and hand-held hose with positive shut-off nozzle, mobile high pressure/low volume wash system or at a commercial site that re-circulates water onsite.

- Serving and refilling water in restaurants only upon request.
- Offering guests of commercial lodging the option of not laundering towels and linens daily.
- Repairing all water leaks within 72 hours of notification by the District.
- Using recycled or non-potable water for construction purposes when available.

For more information on drought regulations and conservation programs available to assist customers in their conservation efforts, go to [www.vwd.org/drought](http://www.vwd.org/drought) or call the District at (760) 744-0460.

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*Vallecitos Water District is an independent, special district dedicated to providing water, wastewater and reclamation services to approximately 97,000 people in a 45-square-mile area that includes San Marcos; the community of Lake San Marcos; portions of Carlsbad, Escondido and Vista; and other surrounding unincorporated areas. The public is invited to Board meetings, taking place at 4 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month at Vallecitos' Administration Building - 201 Vallecitos de Oro, San Marcos. Board meetings are also televised on San Marcos TV. Visit [www.san-marcos.net/smtv](http://www.san-marcos.net/smtv) for a complete programming schedule.*