

## PRESS RELEASE

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### Vallecitos Water District asks for water conservation during aqueduct shutdown February 8 through February 17, 2009

San Marcos, CA – Due to a regional aqueduct shutdown being conducted by The San Diego County Water Authority, the wholesale agency responsible for transporting water into the Vallecitos Water District (VWD) water distribution system, customers are being asked to increase conservation measures from February 8 through February 17, 2009. Additional conservation will help ensure adequate water supplies during this temporary supply disruption.

The shutdown will allow the San Diego County Water Authority to perform routine maintenance on its pipes, helping to ensure reliable water deliveries to VWD's 80,000 customers in San Marcos, Lake San Marcos, Carlsbad, Escondido, Vista, and other unincorporated surrounding areas.

Customers can assist by:

- **Turning off irrigation controllers for the shutdown duration.** As outside irrigation accounts for approximately 90 percent of VWD's daily water use, the value of complying with this request cannot be understated. The task is easily accomplished by clicking your irrigation dial to "off."
- **Avoiding all nonessential water use - especially outdoor use.** This includes clearing your walkway with your water hose, washing your car and filling swimming pools or hot tubs.
- **Running only full loads in the washing machine and dishwasher.** Also, take shorter showers and do not use your toilet as a waste basket.

VWD thanks its customers for their conservation during the shutdown. For more information, customers are encouraged visit [www.vwd.org](http://www.vwd.org), or contact Jon Sherwood, VWD Water Operations Supervisor, at (760) 744-0460, ext. 236, or VWD Customer Service 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 80,650 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 VWD's Administration, Maintenance, and Operations Facility - 201 Vallecitos de Oro, San Marcos.*