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## **Metropolitan Water District Calls for New Water Use Restrictions for Los Angeles, Ventura, and San Bernardino Counties**

**Temecula, Calif.** – The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) approved historic water usage restrictions for parts of Los Angeles, Ventura, and San Bernardino counties in response to worsening drought conditions in California. **These mandatory restrictions do not currently apply to Riverside County or Rancho California Water District (Rancho Water/District).**

MWD imports water from Northern California through the State Water Project (SWP) and from the Colorado River. With limited rainfall and snowpack, the California Department of Water Resources reduced water allocation from the SWP to 5% of normal for Southern California. For 6 million people in Los Angeles, Ventura, and San Bernardino counties who rely exclusively on imported water from the SWP and local supplies, they will be required to immediately implement water deductions, including limiting outdoor water usage to one day per week.

“The state of California continues to address the ramifications of the current long-term drought,” said Rancho Water Board President Carol Lee Gonzales-Brady. “The effects are now directly impacting communities north of Riverside County. Our community members are already very water conscious. However, to protect our precious natural resources, Rancho Water is encouraging customers to continue that trend as we navigate these drought conditions.”

At this time, Rancho Water continues to be in Stage 3b of the [Water Shortage Contingency Plan \(WSCP\)](#). This stage of the WSCP limits outdoor irrigation to overnight hours of 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. and requires the use of shutoff nozzles for hoses. In addition, water budgets for inefficient tiers are reduced for all customers.

Rancho Water customers are encouraged to take advantage of the rebates and water saving tools that

are available including MyWaterTracker for real-time water use updates, leak alerts, and landscape audits. In addition, Rancho Water partners with MWD and WaterSense for rebates on water efficient products such as irrigation controllers, residential and commercial appliances, and soil moisture systems.

For more information about Rancho Water's response to the drought, visit [RanchoWater.com/drought](http://RanchoWater.com/drought).

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**About Rancho California Water District:** *The mission of Rancho Water is to deliver reliable, high-quality water, wastewater, and reclamation services to its customers and communities in a prudent and sustainable manner. Rancho Water is a local, independent Special District, organized on August 16, 1965, servicing approximately 150 square miles and about 45,000 service connections in Temecula, Murrieta, and parts of unincorporated Riverside County.*

