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INCREASED WATER CONSERVATION REQUEST

Thank you for your continued water conservation. We are asking our customers to increase this effort due to below average precipitation and high temperatures for the second year in a row, impacting water supplies.

Southern California receives imported water from two main sources – the Colorado River and the California State Water Project. On August 16, 2021, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation declared a watershortage for the first time in the Colorado River. Although this declaration does not currently impact California, it is anticipated that, if current conditions continue, by 2024, California will be facing reductions in Colorado River supplies. Additionally, because of the Statewide dry hydrology, Southern California is currently receiving only a 5% allocation from the State Water Project. The 5% allocation is projected to go to 0% allocation prior to the end of this year.

Furthermore, on October 19, 2021, Governor Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency in all California counties due to severe drought conditions; and on November 9, 2021, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California declared a regional drought emergency. As a result of water shortages throughout California, we are escalating our conservation effort to “Extraordinary”.

Please be mindful when using water and implement water efficient practices including:

- Limiting outdoor watering of lawn and landscape to no more than three days per week, and no more than two days per week from November through March, in a manner that causes no runoff to adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, parking lots and structures;
- Avoid using water to clean sidewalk, driveway, parking lot and other hardscapes;
- Turning off fountains and other decorative features unless water is recirculated or grey;
- Limit washing of motor vehicles. Use a hand-held bucket or similar container or a hand-held hose equipped with a self-closing water shut-off nozzle.

Thank you! Please contact our office should you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Bob Fan
General Manager

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