



## **Water Supplies Further Reduced During Planned Treatment Plant Shutdown**

*Efficient water use is critical January 25-31 to ensure sufficient supplies.*

LAGUNA NIGUEL, Calif. (January 20, 2010) – Conservation and efficient water use is important year-round. During the week of January 25 through 31, it becomes a vital necessity as the regional treatment plant that provides Moulton Niguel Water District's entire water supply will be shut down for scheduled maintenance. That means the District must meet our customers' needs with water stored in local reservoirs, and customers must make the most efficient use of each drop to ensure a sufficient supply.

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California operates the Robert B. Diemer Water Treatment Plant in Yorba Linda, which treats water delivered to our region from Northern California and the Colorado River before it is delivered to water providers including MNWD, and then to our customers. The Diemer Plant will be closed for seven days to undergo extensive upgrades to the facility's treatment and disinfection system.

### **MNWD is Prepared, yet Conservation Remains Critical**

MNWD has stored sufficient water in local reservoirs to continue meeting our customers' needs during this period, but it remains crucial that customers follow the Mandatory Water Conservation Rules established in December 2008, which among other things, calls for a 20 percent reduction in water use. Additionally, irrigation and construction water will not be available for commercial customers who utilize potable water, beginning on Friday, January 22 through Tuesday, February 2. This extended period will allow the District to maximize reservoir capacity. These restrictions DO NOT apply to recycled water users.

The District is currently working on several projects to dramatically improve local storage and reliability, and has adopted a policy of developing local supplies and storage so that it ultimately will be able to withstand an imported-water outage of up to 31 days. In the meantime, customers are asked to be extra vigilant and reduce their water use during this period to only what is absolutely necessary.

### **Conserving Water is Easy**

By following these simple steps, MNWD customers can ensure there is sufficient water to meet everyone's needs:

- Reduce water use by 20 percent
- Irrigation of lawns, landscapes and other vegetation is limited to three days per week (per the District's watering schedule)
- Watering is limited to eight minutes per day, per station

- To reduce loss to evaporation, watering is prohibited between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Excessive watering resulting in runoff is prohibited
- No hosing down hard or paved surfaces
- A bucket or hose with a shut-off nozzle must be used when washing vehicles.

For more information, please call (949) 831-2500 or visit [www.MNWD.com](http://www.MNWD.com).

#### **About MNWD**

The Moulton Niguel Water District was formed in 1960 and has grown to serve the water and wastewater needs of more than 167,000 people living in Aliso Viejo, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Hills, Mission Viejo and Dana Point. For more information, please visit [www.MNWD.com](http://www.MNWD.com).

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