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MAYOR JERRY SANDERS
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WATER USE DOWN 12.6 PERCENT IN FEBRUARY

Mayor Congratulates Water Dept. For National Outreach Award

Mayor Jerry Sanders today announced that city residents continued in February to heed the message of water conservation. Water use was down 12.6% for the month compared to February 2009. The mayor also congratulated the Water Department for winning an award from the Association of Environmental Professionals for its “No Time To Waste, No Water To Waste” outreach campaign.

February’s water-saving statistics were a marked improvement from those in January, when city-wide water use was up 1.5% from January of 2009. For the month of February, residential water consumption was down 10.8% compared to the same month last year. Commercial use was down 9.4% and irrigation 35.5%. The city trimmed its water usage 27% for the month.

“San Diegans did a great job of cutting back in what was a very rainy month,” the mayor said. “Clearly our residents are taking the necessary steps to save water, such as turning off their lawn sprinklers in wet weather.”

More information on the city’s water conservation efforts can be found at:

<http://www.sandiego.gov/water/conservation/drought/index.shtml>

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