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City of San Diego's Permanent Mandatory Water Use Restrictions Meet State's Requirements for Conservation

SAN DIEGO—On July 15, 2014, California's State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) voted to impose mandatory water use restrictions statewide, in response to California's ongoing drought situation.

The state board's actions are enforceable for those agencies that don't have a water emergency contingency plan. For the City of San Diego, however, permanent mandatory water use restrictions in place since 2009 already meet elements of the requirements mandated by the state Wednesday. As a result, the state's regulation does not require the City of San Diego to make changes to its emergency water regulations. The State Board's action serves as a reminder to all San Diegans that using water efficiently, and in compliance with the City's current water use restrictions, are important to help conserve water during this severe drought condition.

"I want to thank San Diegans, who for years have done a tremendous job of stepping up to the plate to incorporate water conservation into their way of life," said Mayor Faulconer. "This summer, as we see temperatures climb, we must continue to be mindful of the current drought situation by adhering daily to the City's permanent water use restrictions."

The City will continue to review the state's decision and monitor the drought conditions throughout the state to determine if any changes to its drought response level are necessary. In the meantime, the City's focus will be to reduce water waste by educating residents on how to comply with the restrictions through education, rather than an enhanced enforcement system focused on fines.

In addition to the permanent mandatory restrictions, the City enacted Level 1 voluntary restrictions on July 1, 2014, to further emphasize the importance of continued conservation efforts. The region as a whole has invested in the diversification of its water supply to further protect San Diego County from serious drought conditions.

To view the City's current water use restrictions, visit
<http://www.sandiego.gov/water/conservation/drought/prohibitions.shtml>

The City of San Diego's Water Conservation Program reduces water demand through promoting or providing incentives for the installation of hardware that provides permanent water savings, and by providing services and information to help San Diegans make better decisions about water use. For more information about Water Conservation, visit www.wastenowater.org or call (619) 515-3500.

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