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NEWS RELEASE

Faulconer Calls for Voluntary Water Conservation Measures
Mayor Supports Declaration of Drought Response Level 1

San Diego, CA – Today Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer announced his support for a Declaration of a Water Emergency that calls for voluntary measures to conserve water in the City of San Diego.

The declaration – Drought Response Level 1, Drought Watch Condition – asks San Diegans to take voluntary steps to reduce water demand in anticipation of a supply shortage.

"I want to thank San Diegans for continuing to save water and remind them that conservation is paramount as we continue to diversify our City's water supply to gain water independence," Faulconer said. "Water conservation should be a way of life regardless of whether a drought or emergency is officially declared."

The City Council's Environment Committee unanimously supported the declaration Wednesday and it now moves forward to a vote by the full City Council. If approved, it would go into effect July 1 due to drought conditions in California.

The voluntary measures include:

- Watering only during 3 assigned days per week
- Limiting the use of fire hydrants to fire fighting, construction, health and safety
- No irrigation during rain
- Using hose with a shutoff nozzle or timer for irrigation
- Using recycled water for construction purposes, when available

Faulconer also urged San Diegans to sign up for "My Water Pledge," a friendly competition between cities across the country to see which is more water-wise. San Diego currently ranks second in pledges among major U.S. cities in the challenge. Go to mywaterpledge.com to make your pledge to conserve water.

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