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**City of San Diego Water Supply Is Stable;  
No Additional Water-Use Restrictions At This Time**

SAN DIEGO -- Following a drought declaration for California made today by Governor Jerry Brown, aimed primarily to assist Northern and Central California, the City of San Diego wants to remind residents that while the call for the successful conservation efforts that have become a way of life in our City still stands, the water supply situation in San Diego is currently stable.

“At this time, we do not anticipate any additional water-use restrictions for San Diego in 2014,” said Halla Razak, Director of the City’s Public Utilities Department. “Thanks to strong regional conservation efforts and the investment that agencies have made in diversifying the region’s water supply portfolio, we are in better shape than many parts of California.”

While many communities in Northern and Central California have implemented water restrictions, the drought declaration will have little immediate impact in San Diego County. Local supply projects as well as investments in water transfers and storage have helped to plan for the challenging years.

The Metropolitan Water District, from where the San Diego County Water Authority (CWA) purchased 46% of our regional water supply in 2013, has approximately 2.4 million acre-feet of water in storage, compared to a supply of just 1.0 million acre-feet in 2009. This increased supply can be used to augment imported water supplies from Northern California to meet our region’s demands. Additionally, the CWA’s 180,000 acre-foot Colorado River water transfers are not subject to cutbacks by MWD, should any be implemented, thereby enhancing local reliability.

Most impressive may be the successful conservation efforts of our own citizens. City of San Diego customers’ water consumption is 15.3% lower today than in 2007.

The City of San Diego and Public Utilities Department is committed to enhancing public outreach and awareness of water conservation in the wake of the declaration. Visit [www.sandiego.gov/publicutilities](http://www.sandiego.gov/publicutilities) to learn more.

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