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NEWS RELEASE

Faulconer Releases Public Service Announcement Regarding New Water Use Restrictions

Mayor Calls on San Diegans to Work Together to Waste No Water

San Diego, CA – Today Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer released a new public service announcement regarding the new water rules that went into effect Nov. 1.



"The last time we faced drought restrictions, San Diego reduced water consumption by 20 percent and, for that, I say thank you," Mayor Faulconer said. "Now it's time that we come together again. I ask for your continued help as we face a historic drought that affects all of us. Let's all of us work together and do our part to waste no water."

The PSA is available online <u>here</u> and will air regularly on CityTV, Ch. 24 (Cox and Time Warner) and Ch. 99 (AT&T U-Verse)

At the recommendation of Mayor Faulconer, the City Council voted last month to enact a Drought Alert status, the second phase of citywide conservation that calls for mandatory water use restrictions in response to the severe drought conditions statewide.

Relevant to most residents under the Drought Alert stage are the restrictions that mandate assigned watering days, which are dependent on your address. There are also restrictions on what time of day residents can water and how long they can water:

Assigned Watering Days

- Residences with odd-numbered addresses Water of
 - Water only on Sundays, Tuesdays & Thursdays Water only on Saturdays, Mondays & Wednesdays
- Residences with even-numbered addresses

• Apartments, condos & businesses Water only of

Time of Day and Time Limits

- From November 1 through May 31, water only between 4 p.m. and 10 a.m. for only 7 minutes at each station when using a standard sprinkler system.
- From June 1 through October 31, water only between 6 p.m. and 10 a.m. for only 10 minutes at each station when using a standard sprinkler system.

Other water use restrictions that become effective under Drought Alert status are:

- Use a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shut-off nozzle or timed sprinkler system to water landscaped areas.
- Stop operation of ornamental fountains, except to the extent needed for maintenance purposes.
- The washing of automobiles, trucks, trailers, airplanes and other types of transportation equipment is only allowed during the following times:
 - Between 4 p.m. and 10 a.m. from November 1 to May 31.
 - Between 6 p.m. and 10 a.m. from June 1 through October 31.
 - Washing is permitted at any time at a commercial car wash.
- No irrigation is allowed during rain events.
- Potted plants, non-commercial vegetable gardens and fruit trees may be irrigated on any day during the following times:
 - o Between 4 p.m. and 10 a.m. from November 1 through May 31
 - Between 6 p.m. and 10 a.m. from June 1 through October 31.
- Irrigation is permitted any day at any time as follows:
 - As required by a landscape permit.
 - For erosion control.
 - For establishment, repair or renovation of public use fields for schools and parks.
 - For landscape establishment following a disaster.
- Use recycled or non-potable water for construction purposes when available.
- Use of water from fire hydrants will be limited to firefighting, meter installation by the Water Department or other activities necessary to maintain the health, safety and welfare of San Diegans.
- Constructions operations receiving water from a fire hydrant or water truck will not use water beyond normal activities.

These restrictions are in addition to permanent, mandatory water use restrictions in effect at all times since 2011. For a list of all current restrictions, as well as conservation resources, rebate programs and other valuable information, visit <u>www.wastenowater.org</u>.