



June 2009

San Dieguito Water District Declares Level 2 Drought Alert

Mandatory Water-Use Restrictions Effective July 1, 2009

On May 27, 2009, the San Dieguito Water District (SDWD) Board of Directors unanimously declared a Level 2 Drought Alert, approving mandatory water use restrictions beginning July 1, 2009.

“As we move to this Level 2 Drought Alert, we’re confident our customers will continue to conserve to ensure a continuing supply of water, now and in the future.”

— SDWD General Manager Larry Watt

Due to the continuing water supply shortage caused by three years of below average rainfall and environmental restrictions on water pumping from Northern California, the SDWD Board determined that declaration of a Level 2 Drought Alert was necessary. This declaration is in response to the Level 2 declaration by the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Water Authority on April 23, 2009, which mandated an 8% cut of water deliveries to each of its member agencies, including San Dieguito Water District.

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“As the water supply situation continues to deteriorate, the Board felt it was necessary to move the District to this level to help ensure that we have enough water to serve all our customers,” reports SDWD General Manager Larry Watt. “We know that many of our customers have conscientiously followed the voluntary water use guidelines in the Level 1 Drought Watch. As we move to this next level, we’re confident our customers will continue to conserve to ensure a continuing supply of water, now and in the future.”

This flyer describes SDWD’s mandated water-use restrictions. We urge you to read it carefully and to cut out and save the panel below. We also encourage you to get a head start on the July 1 implementation by complying with all restrictions — as indicated on the back of this flyer — now. Thank you!

LEVEL 1: DROUGHT WATCH

Goal: up to 10% reduction.
Voluntary conservation measures are strongly encouraged.

LEVEL 2: DROUGHT ALERT

Goal: up to 20% reduction.
Level 1 voluntary measures become mandatory. Non-compliance will result in penalties. In addition:
• Irrigation will be limited to three times per week.
• The District (with certain exemptions) will suspend new service connections.

LEVEL 3: DROUGHT CRITICAL

Goal: up to 40% reduction.
Stricter limits on water usage for irrigation and non-public health purposes will be imposed.

LEVEL 4: DROUGHT EMERGENCY

Goal: 40%-plus reduction.
Cessation of all residential landscape irrigation and non-essential water use will be mandated.


San Dieguito Water District Level 2 Drought Alert MANDATED WATER-USE RESTRICTIONS EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

Here are landscape water-use restrictions to which San Dieguito Water District customers must adhere.

For all restrictions, visit www.CityofEncinitas.org/Government/CityD/SanDWD.

Please note: Non-compliance will result in issuance of a violation notice, followed by escalating fees.




SDWD Drought Response
Conservation Program ...
The water we save today
can save tomorrow.

10 MINUTES OR LESS PER STATION **AFTER 6:00 PM** **BEFORE 8:00 AM**

Landscape irrigation is limited to no more than three designated days per week.

Homes with **ODD-** numbered addresses can water
**SUNDAY
TUESDAY
THURSDAY
ONLY**

Homes with **EVEN-** numbered addresses can water
**MONDAY
WEDNESDAY
SATURDAY
ONLY**

**APARTMENTS
CONDOMINIUMS
BUSINESSES** can water
**MONDAY
WEDNESDAY
FRIDAY
ONLY**

Level 2 Drought Alert Mandatory Water Conservation Measures

Here is a summary of mandatory water conservation measures, effective July 1, 2009. For a detailed description of all restrictions, please visit the SDWD website. For questions, call SDWD's Drought/Conservation Hotline at (760) 633-2678.

- Limit landscape irrigation with sprinklers to ten minutes per station on each of three designated days per week. (From November 1, 2009 – May 31, 2010, landscape irrigation will be limited to one designated day per week.)
- Do not wash down paved surfaces such as sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts or patios, except to alleviate safety or sanitation hazards.
- Stop water waste resulting from inefficient landscape irrigation such as runoff and overspray. Stop water flow onto non-targeted areas such as adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, hardscapes, roadways or structures.
- Irrigate residential and commercial landscape only after 6:00 p.m. and before 8:00 a.m.
- Irrigate nursery and commercial growers' products only after 6:00 p.m. and before 10:00 a.m. (Watering is permitted at any time using a handheld hose with a shut-off nozzle, bucket or drop/micro-irrigation system.)
- Repair all leaks within 72 hours of notification.
- Use only recycled water to operate ornamental fountains or similar features.
- Wash vehicles with a bucket and handheld hose with a shut-off nozzle. (Avoid washing during hot conditions when additional water is required due to evaporation.)

- Restaurants can serve water only upon request.
- Hotels can launder towels and linens daily only upon request.
- Use recycled or non-potable water for construction purposes when available.

In addition, SDWD will:

- Suspend all annexations to its service area.
- Suspend all new potable water service except for the following cases: 1) a valid, unexpired building permit has been issued; 2) the project is deemed necessary to protect the public's health, safety and welfare; or 3) the applicant provides water

demand offset prior to issuance of a new water meter.

Restrictions Will Be Enforced

SDWD hopes that all customers will comply with mandated conservation measures. Those who are not in compliance will be contacted. If non-compliance continues, they will ultimately be fined. Escalating fines will be assessed and fees added to the violating customer's water bill.

- First-time non-compliance with a mandated restriction will result in delivery of a written notice.
- If the customer does not comply with the mandated restriction, a series of \$100, \$200 and \$500 fines will be assessed.

Timeline of Events

June 2008	Governor Schwarzenegger declares a State Drought.
May 2008	San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) declares a Level 1 Drought Alert.
August 2008	San Dieguito Water District (SDWD) establishes a Drought Response Conservation Program and declares a Level 1 Drought Watch.
October 2008	SDWD publishes its first issue of Currents Water Conservation Newsletter, encouraging customers to comply with Level 1 Voluntary Restrictions.
April 14, 2009	Metropolitan Water District (MWD) orders a 13% reduction in water deliveries to member agencies, including SDCWA, effective July 1, 2009.
April 23, 2009	SDCWA orders an 8% reduction in water deliveries to member agencies, including SDWD, effective July 1, 2009.
May 27, 2009	SDWD declares a Level 2 Drought Alert and orders implementation of mandatory water-use restrictions, effective July 1, 2009.
July 1, 2009	All mandatory water-use restrictions go into effect.

 **SDWD Drought Response Conservation Program ... The water we save today can save tomorrow.**

Water Information on the Web

20-Gallon Challenge: www.20gallonchallenge.com

San Dieguito Water District: www.CityofEncinitas.org/Government/CityD/SanDWD

Family of Southern California Water Agencies: www.bewaterwise.com



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