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Vallecitos Board of Directors Rescinds “Level 1 – Drought Watch”

San Marcos, CA – Last night, the Vallecitos Water District’s Board of Directors voted unanimously to rescind the voluntary drought restrictions under its “Level 1 – Drought Watch.” Vallecitos customers may irrigate any day of the week with no limit on the number of watering days and may irrigate their landscapes for as many minutes as needed. However, Vallecitos customers are reminded to sustain water conservation as a permanent way of life in California. Vallecitos’ ordinance permanently prohibits wasteful practices, such as:

- Watering between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- Watering within 48 hours of a measurable rain event
- Hosing down hardscapes (patios, sidewalks, etc.)
- Not using a shut-off nozzle when washing cars
- Not fixing leaks within 48 hours of discovery

Vallecitos’ action was taken in response to back-to-back wet winters that have resulted in a major boost for the state's largest reservoirs. The 2023 water year was the 8th wettest of the past five decades, according to the California Department of Water Resources. Lake Oroville, the second-largest reservoir in California, reached capacity in May for the second straight year. Massive Shasta Lake, the largest man-made reservoir in California, currently sits at 94% of capacity.

For more detailed information on the permanent water waste prohibitions in the service area, go to www.vwd.org/drought.

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About Vallecitos Water District: *As an independent, special district, Vallecitos is dedicated to providing water, wastewater, and reclamation services to over 105,000 people in a 45-square-mile area that includes San Marcos; the community of Lake San Marcos; portions of Carlsbad, Escondido, and Vista; and other surrounding unincorporated areas.*