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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **VID KEEPS THREE ASSIGNED WATERING DAYS PER WEEK DURING WINTER MONTHS**

*Board approves amendments to the Drought Response Conservation Program, which also includes lifting current restrictions on ornamental fountains.*

Vista, CA—

Today, the Vista Irrigation District (VID) board of directors approved amendments to the district's Drought Response Conservation Program that provide for greater flexibility in administering the program based on required conservation targets and customer efforts in meeting those targets.

One of the key changes allows the number of watering days to remain at three (3) days per week during the upcoming winter months. Under old Drought Response Conservation Program provisions, watering landscape areas would have been limited to one (1) day per week beginning November 1. Another modification moved restrictions on the operation of ornamental fountains and decorative water features from Level 2, Drought Alert, to Level 3, Drought Critical, and clarified the types of fountains and water features that may not be operated when a Level 3 condition is declared.

The watering schedule for VID customers will remain the same. Odd-numbered addresses may continue to irrigate on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and even-numbered addresses may water on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Locations with no site address or apartment/condominium complexes with multiple addresses at the same location should use the last number in the billing address to determine assigned watering days.

The following mandatory water conservation measures also remain in effect during the current level 2 Drought Alert condition:

- Do not wash down paved surfaces except for health and safety purposes.

- Eliminate water waste resulting from inefficient landscape irrigation and run off.
- Limit lawn water and landscape irrigation using sprinklers to no more than 10 minutes per water station per assigned day. This provision does not apply landscape irrigation systems using water efficient devices, such as drip/micro irrigation systems and stream rotor sprinklers.
- Irrigate landscape before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m.
- For nurseries and commercial growers, water before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m.
- Use re-circulated water to operate ornamental fountains.
- Wash vehicles with a bucket, a hand-held hose with positive shut-off nozzle, or at a commercial site that re-circulates (reclaims) water on site.
- Serve and refill water in restaurants and other food service establishments only upon request.
- Offer guests in hotel, motel and other commercial lodging establishment the option of not laundering towels and linens daily.
- Repair all water leaks within seventy-two (72) hours of notification by VID.
- Use recycled or non-potable water for construction purposes when available.

VID's Drought Response Conservation Program, comprised of four levels, addresses the conditions under which water use restrictions are required. As water supply conditions become more critical, the call for conservation measures increases. These conservation measures apply to all VID customers, including homeowners and businesses. The four levels of conservation are tied to cutbacks in water supply which are declared by the region's water wholesalers, the San Diego County Water Authority and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

For full text of the Drought Response Conservation Program or more information on mandatory water conservation, please visit [www.vid-h2o.org](http://www.vid-h2o.org).

The Vista Irrigation District is a public agency governed by an elected five-member board. The district provides water service to more than 123,000 people in the city of Vista, and portions of San Marcos, Escondido, Oceanside, and unincorporated areas of San Diego County.

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