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Tri-Valley Water Suppliers Seek Voluntary 20 Percent Cut in Water Use
Limited Delta Pumping, Hot Weather Prompt Need to Conserve

The State Department of Water Resources' (DWR) continued limited pumping from the Delta, along with increased water demands due to warm weather, prompted the Zone 7 Water Agency and the TriValley Water Retailers today to urge customers to voluntarily conserve water by 20 percent beginning immediately and continuing until Delta pumping restrictions are lifted.

"With the hot weather and limited water supplies, we're asking people to significantly reduce watering lawns, washing cars, taking long showers and other water-intensive activities until further notice," said Jill Duerig, general manager of Zone 7, the Valley's water wholesaler. Although the heat is forecast to ease up Friday, "We know residents typically use more water on weekends and are making this request to conserve limited supplies during this critical period of limited water supply."

To ensure that critical water demands are met, the following actions were taken today:

- Zone 7 and the TriValley Water Retailers – the cities of Pleasanton and Livermore, the California Water Service Co. and the Dublin San Ramon Services District -- asked customers to voluntarily conserve water by 20 percent;
- Zone 7 curtailed untreated water deliveries to agricultural customers by 20 percent; and,
- Zone 7 halted limited stream recharge releases from Lake Del Valle into Arroyo Del Valle, meaning people will notice less water flowing down the creek.

Zone 7 is operating both of its treatment plants, using its entire share of the limited amount of water that DWR is willing to pump from the Delta, while still striving to protect the endangered Delta smelt. In addition, Zone 7 is operating all of its groundwater wells at full capacity, as are the retailers.

TriValley water suppliers will continually evaluate needed conservation measures, based on abilities to meet anticipated demand, using a variety of factors, including the weather and information from DWR about Delta pumping operations.

DWR continues to minimally pump water from the Delta to supply State Water Project Contractors served by the South Bay Aqueduct, including Zone 7 and other agencies upstream of where water is stored in San Luis Reservoir. However, pumping from the Delta remains at extremely low levels. DWR is augmenting this with locally-stored water from Lake Del Valle.

Customers are encouraged to contact their individual retailers for more information:

Cal Water Service Company
Dublin San Ramon Services District
City of Livermore
City of Pleasanton
Zone 7 Water Agency

www.calwater.com
www.dsrds.com
www.ci.livermore.ca.us/wrd
www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us
www.zone7water.com/

For more information, call Zone 7's water conservation coordinator, at 925-454-5065.

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The Zone 7 Water Agency is one of the 10 active zones of the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. The District was established by the State Legislature in October 1949 to solve problems of flooding, drainage, channel erosion and water supply and conservation in Alameda County. In 1957, by popular vote, Zone 7 became a special district governed by a seven-member board of directors. Along with flood protection, Zone 7 supplies water to all of eastern Alameda County and a population of nearly 200,000. Treated water is sold wholesale to local retailers, including the cities of Livermore and Pleasanton, the Dublin San Ramon Services District, and the California Water Service Company. Zone 7 also distributes untreated water to local agriculture operations and golf courses.