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MCWD Board of Directors Approve Raising Water Restrictions to Level 2

*Water content of the Mammoth Pass snowpack is more than 70 percent below normal conditions.
Customers are requested to reduce water use by 20 percent.*

Mammoth Lakes, CA – On February 19, the MCWD board unanimously approved moving from Level 1 to Level 2 water shortage restrictions. The board’s decision was based on the water content of the Mammoth Pass snowpack, about 70 percent below normal, and MCWD staff estimates of water supply availability. The goal of the Level 2 restrictions are to achieve a 20 percent reduction of customer water demand. Customers of the MCWD have been under Level 1 restrictions since the drought began in 2012. The MCWD board will continue to reassess snowpack conditions and the status of the groundwater production wells water supply conditions through the coming months.

Level 2 water restrictions will be in effect March 9th. Under these restrictions, outdoor irrigation will only be allowed from 8:00 pm to 9:00 am, water for construction is limited to recycled water, significant leaks must be repaired within 3 days of notification or discovery, and no new lawns may be installed, even when a hose with an automatic shut-off nozzle is used for irrigation. Indoor savings are expected to result from voluntary measures taken by customers.

MCWD has incentive programs to help customers save water. These programs include an indoor and outdoor fixture rebate program, free efficient showerheads and staff availability to discuss site specific irrigation efficiency improvements. Information on these programs are available on the MCWD website. MCWD would like to encourage all customers to pay attention to water usage, check for leaking fixtures indoors and out, keep pools and spas covered when not in use, limit shower times and only run full loads of dishes and clothes.

More information on Level 2 restrictions and tips to conserve water is available from the MCWD website, www.mcwd.dst.ca.us.

About Mammoth Community Water District

MCWD provides water and wastewater utility service to the Town of Mammoth Lakes and surrounding areas. MCWD strives to provide reliable, affordable utility service to our customers and to conduct our operations in a manner reflecting our stewardship role. We encourage our customers to practice responsible use of our limited water resources, and to take advantage of the information and services available to support this goal.

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