

News Release

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Level 1 Water Restrictions

Mammoth Community Water District Board approves the reduction of Water Conservation Measures from Level 3 to Level 1 for the 2023 summer irrigation season as a result of increased snow water content at Mammoth Pass.

Mammoth Lakes, California – At the March 16 Board of Directors meeting, the District’s Board voted unanimously to reduce the District’s current Water Conservation Level from Level 3 to Level 1. This move was in response to record snow water content reported over Mammoth Pass, which the District’s relies on for the community’s surface water supply. April 1st marks the end of the official water year, with current water content at Mammoth Pass reported at 212% of normal as compared to the total water year. While the Mammoth Lakes Basin is fortunate to have more water this year, it is important to remember that the state is still feeling the effects from multiple year and wide-spread drought conditions. Full groundwater aquifer recharge will require multiple wet or normal years.

“Delivering surface water is always prioritized before supplementing or switching entirely to groundwater. District staff will continue to monitor water supplies closely and will advise the Board and our community as needed,” states Clay Murray, Superintendent of Operations. “Customers can do their part by reducing water consumption by 10% and following the Level 1 Water Restrictions.”

Level 1 Water Restrictions include:

- No new lawn/turf areas may be planted.
- No hard surfaces may be washed or hosed down, unless required by health or safety requirements.
- Irrigation of vegetation can only occur between 1:00 am and 7:00 am and between 5:00 pm and 11:00 pm.

Customers are reminded that, consistent with the District’s permanent water conservation measures, irrigation is limited to three days per week depending on the property’s address. Even addresses may water Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday. Odd addresses may water Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday. Furthermore, all hoses must be equipped with an automatic shutoff device. To encourage conservation, free automatic shut off devices, showerheads, faucet aerators, and dye tablets to test toilets for leaks are available at the District offices. Also, rebates are available for toilets, dishwashers, and clothes washers.

We would like to thank our customers in advance for their compliance with regulations and efforts to reduce water demand by 10%. Past implementation of water restrictions has been met with an impressive overall water reduction from our customers, and District staff are confident this year will be no different.

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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.