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Mammoth Community Water District Meets its 30% Reduction Goal in June.
Level 3 Water Restrictions remain in effect.

Despite the recent rain events, water supplies remain at a critical level as we continue the summer irrigation season. Maintaining a 30% water demand reduction will ensure a reliable water supply for our community of Mammoth Lakes.

June water demand from MCWD customers this year was 31 percent lower than 2013, saving 30 million gallons of water last month. This reduction meets the MCWD's Level 3 reduction goal of 30 percent. MCWD would like to encourage customers to continue to conserve water as the hottest summer months approach. Irrigation is responsible for 2/3 of our water demand. Betty Hylton, Project Specialist at MCWD, remarked "Customers should take advantage of the rain and turn irrigation cycles down or off whenever possible." Customers are only permitted to water two days a week during limited hours, check www.mcwd.dst.ca.us or call 760-934-2596 ext. 274 if you have questions regarding the correct days and hours for your property.

The Mammoth Lakes community has been almost entirely dependent on groundwater supplies since last year. Surface water has been limited or unavailable as Mammoth Creek flows have been too low to divert for drinking water supplies. These limits to storage and diversions are embedded in MCWD's water right permit and licenses to protect Mammoth Creek resources. Fortunately, the MCWD can rely on their nine groundwater production wells this summer to supply the community. MCWD is keeping a close watch on groundwater levels this summer as wells are pumping at higher than normal rates. For MCWD customers, Level 3 Water Shortage Restrictions remain in effect until conditions improve. All customers are encouraged to visit the MCWD website for a list of the restrictions and tips on how to save water.

