

News Release

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Level 3 Water Supply Shortage Declared

*The Mammoth Community Water District is increasing water use restrictions
in response to limited water supply availability.*

Mammoth Lakes, California – The Mammoth Community Water District’s (MCWD) Board of Directors voted unanimously to raise the District’s water supply shortage condition from Level 1 to Level 3 at a regular Board meeting on April 21st. The decision to move to Level 3 is guided by the below average snowpack, 57% of normal, and an analysis of aquifer depletion. The MCWD Board’s decision to increase the level of water restrictions coincides with Governor Newsom’s order for water suppliers to step up their response to the current drought in California.

“The objective in implementing Level 3 is to maintain a reliable water supply for the community by reducing demand by 30 percent,” said General Manager, Mark Busby. “MCWD does not import any water and is limited by local surface and groundwater availability. Our staff will work with our customers to achieve the 30% reduction. We encourage the community to participate in the Indoor Rebate Program as well as the new Turf Replacement Rebate Program.”

Under Level 3 restrictions, irrigation is only allowed two days a week; Thursday and Sunday for odd number addresses and Wednesday and Saturday for even number addresses. Irrigation can only occur during the hours of 1 am to 6 am and 8 pm to 11 pm. Furthermore, variances from the watering schedule will not be issued for new plantings and no reseeding or installation of turf is permitted. MCWD is also relying on all customers to achieve indoor savings by carefully monitoring and reducing their water use.

“During the Level 3 Water Restriction imposed in 2015, we saw a 38 percent reduction in water demand from our customers,” stated Board President Tom Smith. “The state recognized our community for this accomplishment, and we are optimistic that we will see the same response this year.”

Under the increased water restrictions, MCWD urges all customers to consider what they can do to increase conservation measures. More information on water conservation, rebates, and Level 3 restrictions is available on the MCWD website, www.mcwd.dst.ca.us.

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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.