

News Release

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Thank You MCWD Customers!

The Mammoth Community Water District saw significant reductions in water consumption thanks to effort from our customers.

Mammoth Lakes, California – Due to below average snowpack and the need for groundwater recharge, the District Board of Directors enacted a Level 3 Water Supply Shortage (30% reduction target) in April 2022. Unlike many places in California, MCWD customers stepped up and reduced their water consumption. In July, District water usage was down 18% for all customers and down 30% for irrigation customers when compared to the average usage from 2018, 2019 and 2020.

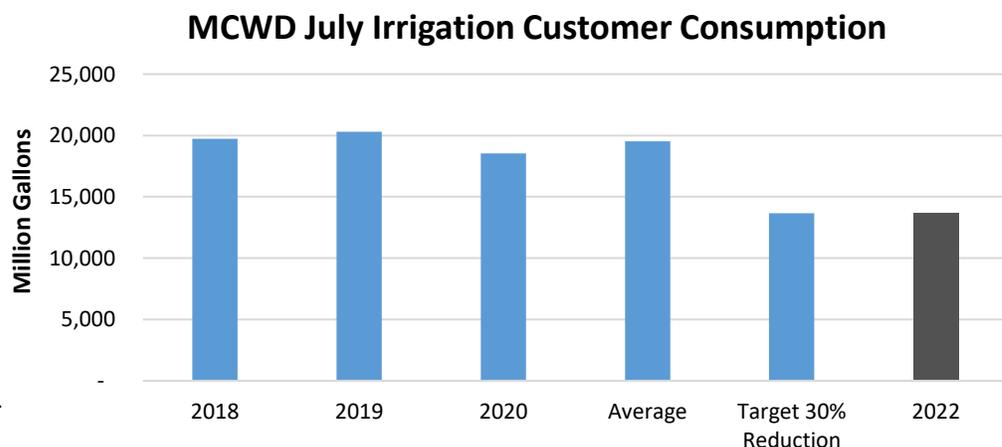
“18% represents significant savings” stated General Manager, Mark Busby. “Irrigation is where we target most of the conservation efforts and it is great to see the full 30% reduction from those customers. Consumption from other customer classes can vary significantly based on the occupancy in town.”

“It is important for our customers to stay on track” reminds Clay Murray, Superintendent of Operations. “District Operations were successful in prioritizing use of the surface water available, but it takes time to see groundwater recharge and the later summer months is when we typically need to heavily pump ground water.”

August marks the time to reduce irrigation run times by about 10% from July usage. In September, an additional 30% reduction

should take place to account for the shorter days and cooler temperature. It is a time to allow plants to start to prepare for winter. It’s also not too late for customers to take advantage of the Turf Replacement Rebate Program or replace indoor fixtures utilizing the District’s Indoor Rebate

Program. For tips and resources to reduce water demand, visit the District’s website at 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.