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Drought Update as of June 2021

As stewards of our local water resources, we have a responsibility to protect our water supply and use it wisely. South Mesa Water Company would like to thank our shareholders and customers for your efforts in water conservation. While California is reaching historically low drought conditions, we would like to encourage our shareholders and customers to safeguard our state's water supplies by using water conservation measures whenever possible. California has experienced several years of dry conditions which made a significant impact to our local water supplies, as the aquifers are still far below normal. **The statewide restrictions set forth by The State of California in May of 2016 applies to all Californians, regardless of local drought and water table conditions. For more information on the current drought condition, go to www.water.ca.gov/drought.** As in years past, South Mesa Water Company will continue to be required to report our company's monthly and annual water consumption to the State Water Resources Control Board. South Mesa Water Company has implemented a Water Shortage Contingency Plan which can be viewed in whole at www.southmesawater.com.

The following water uses are permanently prohibited everywhere in the State of California:

- Watering landscape in a manner that causes runoff onto adjacent property, private and public walkways, roadways, parking lots or structures.
- Do not allow irrigation water to leave landscape /crop areas.
- The use of a hose to wash a motor vehicle, except where the hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle or device that causes it to cease dispensing water immediately when not in use.
- Using a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks.
- The use of water in a fountain or other decorative water feature, except where the water is part of a recirculating system.
- Irrigating turf or ornamental landscape and plants during and 48 hours following measurable precipitation.

South Mesa Water Company would implement the following mechanisms to enforce the water use prohibitions:

First Warning – issuance of written warning to the water user by placement of door hanger message.



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Second Warning – issuance of written warning to the water user by placement of door hanger with message stating that failure to comply will result in a Notice of Violation being issued together with a fine or surcharge of \$100.00 imposed on the water account.

First Notice of Violation – a fine or surcharge of \$100.00 is imposed on the water account.

Second Notice of Violation – a fine or surcharge of \$200.00 is imposed on the water account.

Third Notice of Violation – a fine or surcharge of \$500.00 and/or the installation of a flow restricting device on the water meter at the Board of Directors discretion.

Further explanation of the compliance and enforcement measures can be viewed at www.southmesawater.com under the Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

To ensure sustainable water supplies for the future, we must continue our water-saving efforts by embracing conservation as a way of life. The good news is water conservation does not have to mean sacrifice! Even small adjustments can make a big difference in your water use. It is our goal to help you on your way to water efficiency. An important component of promoting long-term conservation is reducing outdoor water waste, therefore outdoor water restrictions remain in effect.

The following are a few water conservation reminders:

- Fixing all water leaks and eliminating the unnecessary waste of water are vital to ensure our water needs are met, now and into the future. Review your property for leaks, broken sprinklers, and replace inefficient fixtures.
- Set irrigation timers to water between the hours of 8pm and 6am.
- Maintain a 20% reduction of overall water consumption. If your household falls within the Essential Usage Tier or has already reduced consumption by 20%, we are not asking you for further reduction, we simply want to say, “Thank You!”.
- Use water wisely by using a hose with an automatic shut-off nozzle for washing your car at home.
- Wash full loads of laundry and dishes as well as shorten showers.

To learn more visit www.SaveOurWater.com or our website at www.southmesawater.com.