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San Juan Water District Announces Stage 2 Water Conservation Measures

Water district may not be able to meet all water demands during dry season

Granite Bay, Calif. – At the August 15, 2013 board meeting, San Juan Water District Board of Directors adopted a Stage 2 Water Alert, meaning there is a possibility that the agency’s water supply from Folsom Lake will not be able to meet all the water demands of its customers. SJWD is asking all retail customers to reduce water consumption by 5-10 percent until further notice.

“Our customers have always worked hard to improve their water efficiency when we ask,” says Customer Service Manager Judy Johnson. “We’re encouraging residents to avoid all unnecessary and wasteful uses of water.”

Outdoor water use accounts for more than 70% of all water use, residents with automatic sprinkler system timers are encouraged to operate them between midnight and 10 a.m. During this Stage 2 Alert, customers are asked to: Avoid sprinkler run-off, don’t wash sidewalks or driveways, prohibit free-flowing hoses and install water efficient fixtures, appliances and irrigation devices. San Juan Water District also offers more water saving tips online at sjwd.org/water-efficiency.

Undetected water leaks are often sources of increased water use. Customers can learn more about detecting a leak with this helpful [video](#). San Juan Water District water conservation staff are also available to [help detect leaks](#).

Customers looking for other ways to reduce water use are encouraged to use Save Our Water’s [water use calculator](#). This tool helps customers determine their average annual water use and learn ways to save.

Following a record dry year, San Juan Water District officials are concerned about the potential for low water levels in Folsom Lake next year. The district has called upon federal agencies to maintain responsible water levels, but is concerned next year could produce record low lake levels. “By reducing water use now, our customers are taking a key first step to supporting our region’s water needs. We may be forced to implement more severe water restrictions if next year is another dry year,” adds Johnson.

For more information, visit sjwd.org.

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San Juan Water District is a community services district that provides drinking water to more than 265,000 people in its wholesale service area. The district’s retail division serves portions of Roseville and most of Granite Bay in Placer County and portions of Orangevale and Folsom in Sacramento County. For more information, visit www.sjwd.org.