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EID Board Declares Drought Emergency, Calls For Voluntary Conservation of 30%

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Placerville, Calif. — Last night, the El Dorado Irrigation District Board of Directors held a special meeting to consider declaring a Stage 1 Water Alert.

Due to the severity of the ongoing drought, however, the Board decided to jump to a Stage 2 Water Warning, which calls for voluntary conservation of 30%.

Drought surcharges are not currently in effect. The Board continued consideration of implementing a drought surcharge until the March 10 meeting. At that time, the Board will also consider whether to convert the call for voluntary conservation into a mandate.

The Board is hopeful that customers will voluntarily meet the 30% water reduction target under a Stage 2 Water Warning, but raising public awareness will be crucial.

EID encourages community members and ratepayers to visit www.eid.org/drought and share this resource with their friends, family, and neighbors. The page includes links to Board materials and presentations, practical water efficiency tips, and other important information for customers during drought.

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