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Sacramento Suburban Water District Asks Customers to Voluntarily Limit Landscape Watering to One Day

SACRAMENTO—Officials at the Sacramento Suburban Water District (District) are appealing to customers to voluntarily cut landscape watering to one day per week this fall.

SSWD customers are currently allowed to water two days per week on an odd-even schedule, before noon or after 6:00 p.m.

The request comes as the District continues working to meet the mandatory water conservation target set by the State Water Resources Control Board. The District is required to reduce its water use by 32 percent from June 2015 through February 2016 compared to the same timeframe in 2013.

"Our customers have done an outstanding job conserving water this summer," said Greg Bundesen, SSWD's Water Conservation Supervisor, adding that customers reduced water use by nearly 36 percent June through August compared to 2013. "But we need their help to keep up the savings this fall to meet our target."

Landscapes need less water in the fall as days become shorter and cooler. In addition, it will be more and more difficult to achieve the same level of conservation in the winter months.

"The biggest bang for our buck in water conservation comes from limiting landscape watering," Bundesen said. "As people turn off their irrigation during the rain, we'll need to squeeze additional savings from indoor use—which is typically more challenging. That's why we're asking our customers for their help now, during the fall."

Customers that are willing to voluntarily limit their watering to one day per week are asked to choose one of their designated watering days (Tuesday or Saturday for odd addresses and Wednesday or Sunday for even addresses) and water only on that one day.

For more information on ways to conserve, including details about available water-wise rebates, call 916-972-7171, or visit us online at sswd.org

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