

## OMWD Implements New Measures to Comply with Statewide Mandatory Emergency Regulations

As we continue through the fourth year of California's historic drought, Governor Jerry Brown issued an executive order on April 1 requiring California's State Water Resources Control Board to implement new emergency regulations aimed at water conservation.

At its May meeting, the SWRCB implemented new regulations that require OMWD to reduce its overall potable water deliveries by 32 percent month-over-month compared to a 2013 baseline. OMWD lobbied intensely against these rigorous requirements, noting the large per-capita cuts in water use that OMWD customers have made over the last several years. However, the SWRCB maintained its targets, and OMWD must comply.

Accordingly, we have incorporated new mandatory water use restrictions into our drought ordinance, and will transition to Level 2 water rates (details can be found on page 2). In addition, OMWD will more

closely watch for violations of the mandatory water restrictions, and will implement fines for those customers that are cited for continued violations.

### New restrictions on water use include:

- **Shut off sprinklers and irrigation systems during, and within 48 hours following measurable rainfall.**
- **Discontinue use of fountains or other decorative water features unless they utilize a water recirculating system.**
- **Restaurants and other food service establishments must only serve water to customers when requested.**
- **Hotels and motels must provide guests with the option of choosing not to have towels and linens laundered daily.**

## OMWD has also shifted to a 2-days-per-week watering schedule instead of three, effective immediately, as follows:



**Odd-numbered houses** may irrigate on **Monday** and **Thursday**.



**Even-numbered houses** may irrigate on **Tuesday** and **Friday**.



**Multi-family accounts and non-residential accounts** may water on **Monday** and **Thursday**.

The 10-minute-per-day irrigation limit also still applies; however, note that irrigation can take place in several smaller cycles as long as the cycles do not exceed 10 minutes in a given day.

For updated information on water use restrictions in effect at OMWD, please visit [www.olivenhain.com/shortage](http://www.olivenhain.com/shortage).



California is in a drought emergency



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## MISSION STATEMENT

Olivenhain Municipal Water District is  
a multi-functioning public agency that  
is dedicated and committed to serving  
present and future customers in a  
service-oriented manner by:

### Water

Providing safe, reliable, high-quality  
drinking water while exceeding  
all regulatory requirements in a  
cost-effective and environmentally  
responsive manner.

### Recycled Water

Providing recycled water and  
wastewater treatment in the most  
cost-effective and environmentally  
responsive method.

### Parks

Safely operating the Elfin Forest  
Recreational Reserve and providing all  
users with a unique recreational,  
educational, and environmental  
experience.

### Emergency Management

Complying with policies and  
procedures that adhere to local, state,  
and federal guidelines for national  
security and disaster preparedness.

### Sustainable Operations

Pursuing alternative and/or renewable  
resources with the most sustainable,  
efficient, and cost-effective approach.



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## OMWD to Move to Level 2 Water Rates

As a result of action at the state level requiring OMWD to reduce its overall water use by 32 percent versus 2013, OMWD will implement Level 2 Water Supply Shortage Rates.

The conservation demands imposed by the state require that OMWD use all available tools to encourage conservation, including a higher level of conservation-based pricing. An update to OMWD's drought rates was completed as a part of the 2014 cost of service study and in moving to Level 2 rates OMWD anticipates water use will be reduced by up to 25 percent, moving us closer to the state's 32 percent target.

Level 2 rates will be effective with the July 1 water bills. While those customers using little water each month are unlikely to see a significant change in their monthly bill, higher users will need to reduce their use to avoid higher bills.

## Level 2: Rates & Rules 2015 Chart

### MONTHLY WATER RATES & CHARGES

Effective April 1, 2015

#### WATER RATES PER UNIT (1 unit = 748 gallons)

The rates include costs from San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) from which OMWD must purchase 100% of its potable water supply.

#### WATER SUPPLY SHORTAGE

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CUSTOMER TYPE	WATCH/LEVEL 1 Voluntary	ALERT/LEVEL 2 Mandatory
<b>Domestic</b>		
0 - 6 Units	\$2.25	\$2.36
7 - 25 Units	\$3.93	\$4.11
26 - 80 Units	\$4.65	\$5.29
Over 80 Units	\$5.44	\$5.91
<b>Agricultural</b>	\$3.93	\$4.02
<b>Commercial</b>	\$3.36	\$3.44
<b>Irrigation</b>		
Tier 1	\$3.60	\$3.77
Tier 2	\$4.88	\$5.30
<b>Construction</b>	\$6.58	\$7.15
<b>Recycled</b>	\$3.18	\$3.18

