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Press Release

Use Water Wisely

On May 1, 2008, the Paradise Irrigation District storage was at 94% of capacity. Even though we are enjoying a better water supply than many water agencies in the State of California, we need to do all we can to conserve our water supplies. The record dry weather in March and April has caused our usage to increase more than normal for the spring. We have projected our water supply situation into next year and if we experience a similarly dry winter as the past two years, we would anticipate a mandatory customer reduction of at least 15% next year. We want our customers to understand that water we save this year will be available for use next year.

About half of the demand for water in our community is for landscaping purposes. We ask you to review your automatic irrigation timing to ensure you're only using what is needed and not wasting this precious resource. We continue to remind our customers to consider water demand when making landscaping decisions. We still have the possibility of facing up to 50% reductions in deliveries if we experience a long term drought.

At our Board Meeting on May 21st at 6:30 pm, the Board will consider reestablishing Wise Water Use Regulations for the coming year that will provide for substantial penalties for the wasteful use of water. We encourage the public to comment on the proposed regulations to help us determine if they should be relaxed or more stringent, and if other regulations should be considered. The restrictions being considered are:

- *A prohibition on outside water uses between the hours of 12:00 Noon and 6:00 p.m. everyday (the hours of greatest loss of evaporation).*
- *A prohibition on the excessive use of any outside watering, which results in runoff onto walks, driveways, streets, or any other surface not reasonably expected to benefit from the authorized use of water.*
- *Washing a vehicle is acceptable at any time of the day with the use of a shutoff nozzle.*

- *Fund Raising car washes will be allowed through a permit at the District office. Permits are free and are to be registered with the PID office prior to the event.*

A personally delivered or mailed written warning will follow occurrences of non-compliance, reported to, or observed by a PID representative. Only ONE such warning will be issued. Second and subsequent violations, observed by a PID representative, will result in a personally delivered or mailed written notice of consumption charge twice our highest rate (\$2.12 per unit) to appear on next water bill.

During normal years, the District has a sufficient water supply to meet the needs of its customers. We do not have an adequate supply to meet all of the needs of our customers in dry years and are working toward water supply projects to reduce the impact during drought periods. Most of the new water supply alternatives come with a significant cost, so the District is working to find the most efficient and cost effective alternative.

Until new water supply alternatives are constructed, we are asking our customers to evaluate their water usage and conserve in all areas possible. Please visit our website at www.paradiseirrigation.com for water conservation tips.

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