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Press Release

Time to Reduce Landscape Irrigation

Our water storage did not reach full capacity in 2008 because of last year's second consecutive dry winter. At this time of year in 2006, our storage was at 76% of capacity and in 2007, it was at 61% of capacity. At the beginning of October our storage of water was at **56%** of capacity. If we experience another dry winter ahead, significant supply reductions will be required of our customers next year. Water saved at this time of year can be carried over for use next year if we do not fill our reservoirs. The District will evaluate the water supply situation at the end of January to determine if planning is necessary for mandatory restrictions.

The days are getting shorter and nighttime temperatures are falling. Most lawns, plants and trees are past their peak growing season and many trees will soon be shedding their leaves. In the fall, landscape water needs are now considerably less than they were during the spring and summer. The Paradise Irrigation District encourages all customers to start cutting back on their application of water for outside uses. This not only helps to save water in District reservoirs, it can also save money on your water bills.

Some of the newer sprinkler system controllers have a "Water Budget" feature that allows a homeowner to reduce irrigation use by changing one setting on the controller. Other methods of reducing use include shortening the length of time each area is watered, or reducing the number of days that water is applied.

We like to remind all our customers to Use Water Wisely. Thank you for your conservation efforts and assistance in helping us protect our precious resource. If you have questions about water conservation, call the District Office at 877-4971 or visit our website at www.paradiseirrigation.com.

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