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Governor's Drought Proclamation: Important Information to Know

Jurupa Community Services District Prepared as Drought Emergency Extended to Riverside County

Jurupa Valley, CA (October 21, 2021) – Jurupa Community Services District (JCSD) has been proactively monitoring and preparing for escalating drought conditions as California records its driest year in nearly a century.

On October 19, 2021, Governor Newsom extended his drought State of Emergency to all of California, including Riverside County. The [proclamation](#), in part, empowers the State Water Resources Control Board with the ability to restrict wasteful water uses in the future. The Governor's action also directs local water agencies to activate their Water Shortage Contingency Plan based on local conditions while calling on Californians to redouble their conservation efforts.

JCSD has been ahead of the drought, as evident in its long-term planning, infrastructure investments, water supply reliability expansion, customer education, and numerous rebate programs. In addition to JCSD's long-term strategy and continuous monitoring of water availability, several formal actions have also been adopted by the JCSD Board of Directors:

- Since August 8, 2016, JCSD has been at a Drought Response Level 2, which mandates all JCSD water users to reduce their water use by more than 10 percent and up to 20 percent of their water use levels in 2016.
- On June 28, 2020, the JCSD Board of Directors adopted a Water Shortage Contingency Plan through its 2020 Urban Water Management Plan, which is designed to strategically reduce water consumption during drought and water supply emergencies.
- On October 11, 2021, the JCSD Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 3192, in support of a Water Supply Alert due to severe drought conditions, calling on customers to voluntarily reduce their water use by 15 percent and to take advantage of conservation rebate programs.

“The Eastvale and Jurupa Valley communities have shown exemplary commitment to using water efficiently and, together, we can face any drought-related challenges that may come our way,” said Chris Berch, General Manager of JCSD. “Californians know the devastating impact that the drought has had on our state, but thanks to both proper planning and conservation efforts, we are well diversified and ready.”

JCSD has water to meet the needs of all residents, but conserving and using water efficiently are critical since the duration of the drought is unknown. Ahead of the Governor’s announcement, JCSD has provided resources on how residents of Eastvale and Jurupa Valley can best respond to the drought, including:

- Asking for a voluntary 15% reduction in water usage
- Implementing water efficiency measures such as timed watering
- Checking all indoor and outdoor water fixtures for leaks

Conserving water is important to protecting water supplies, but it also has the added benefit of saving customers money through numerous rebate programs. For conservation tips and rebate opportunities, visit www.JCSD.us/services/water-conservation.

For the latest news and important resources relating to the drought, visit www.JCSD.us/Drought.

Founded in 1956, the Jurupa Community Services District is a public governmental agency that provides services and programs to the cities of Jurupa Valley and Eastvale. It is governed by five elected representatives (Board of Directors) from both cities. Serving over 130,000 people in a 40-square-mile area, JCSD provides a variety of community services and programs including water, sewer, street lights, frontage landscape maintenance, graffiti abatement, and parks and recreation services.

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