



## Regional Water Picture Remains Unchanged

LAGUNA NIGUEL, Calif. (July 1, 2010) – Last July, Moulton Niguel Water District set a goal of using less water district-wide, as we faced potential financial penalties if our customers used more water than we were allocated by our regional water wholesalers. Thanks to the efforts of our customers, we used 11 percent less water, and because other water customers across Orange County did their part as well, our region was able to avoid any penalties.

Conditions, however, have not significantly changed since last summer's request, and California's water-supply shortage has not ended. The state received some welcome winter and spring precipitation, but reservoirs still aren't full enough to easily sustain the state through another year of drought. Also, legal decisions are still in place limiting the amount of water that can be delivered from Northern California to the southern part of the state.

### The Need for Efficiency Remains

Even with a greater focus on conservation, it remains critical for MNWD customers to continue reducing their water use. The easiest way to become part of the solution is to make sure you're efficient with every drop. By using only what you need – and eliminating wasteful practices – you can help ensure there's enough water for everyone.

The warm summer is upon us, so remember these three simple steps:

**Lawns:** They don't need as much water as you think. Follow MNWD's irrigation Schedule.

**Loads:** Wash only full loads of clothes and dishes.

**Leaks:** Find them and fix them. They're the biggest water wasters in your home. Up to 70 percent of your water use this summer will occur outdoors

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