



SAN LORENZO VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

13060 Highway 9 • Boulder Creek, CA 95006-9119
Office (831) 338-2153 • Fax (831) 338-7986
Website: www.slvwd.com

April 28, 2008

Dear Customer:

Last summer (2007) was a critically dry year in the San Lorenzo Valley. The San Lorenzo Valley only received approximately 55% of annual average rainfall. In response to the lack of rainfall, the District implemented Phase 2 of its Drought Contingency Plan. Phase 2 asked all customers to reduce water use by 20% and prohibited all outdoor watering between the hours 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Many customers responded by reducing their water use and the District was able to supply water to all of its customers throughout the summer. The District appreciates those customers who responded to the request and continue to conserve water.

The District continually monitors and evaluates our water supply. As this summer approaches, rainfall to date is approximately 70% of the annual average total. Significant additional rainfall is highly unlikely, and 2008 will be classified as a dry year. Rainfall totals are still far below the level which ensures a sustainable water supply for all customers. Because stream flows and aquifer levels were already impacted by last year's lack of rainfall, it is imperative that customers continue to implement water conservation measures to avoid shortfalls this year.

The District's water supplies are comprised of surface water from tributaries to the San Lorenzo River and deep well aquifers located in the Ben Lomond, Zayante, and Scotts Valley areas. The District does not have any large water storage reservoirs, and does not receive any imported water. The District is totally dependent on local water supplies, which are directly impacted by the lack of rainfall.

Effective May 1, 2008, due to continuing dry conditions the District will again be implementing and enforcing Phase 2 of the Drought Contingency Management Plan. The District is again asking all customers to conserve water and follow the prohibition on outdoor watering between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Water use restrictions will remain in effect until October 15, 2008 or until further notice.

Thank you for your cooperation. For additional information please do not hesitate to contact the District at 831-338-2153, or visit the District's website <http://www.slvwd.com> for water conservation information.

Very truly yours

James A. Mueller
District Manger

SAN LORENZO VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

Drought Contingency Management Plan

PHASE TWO - MANDATORY WATER CONSERVATION

RESTRICTIONS

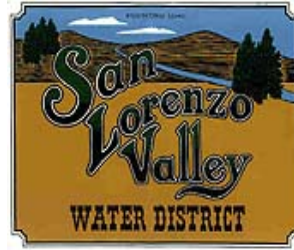
Phase Two is a mandatory program with an overall goal to reduce customer water demand by twenty (20%) percent. District institutes mandatory water conservation restrictions which establish prohibitions on water use. Board of Directors adopts mandatory water conservation ordinance. Mandatory water conservation restrictions include, but may not be limited, to the following prohibitions:

- All outdoor landscape watering is prohibited between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- The washing of areas such as sidewalks, patios, decks, driveways, exterior building surfaces and other impervious surfaces is prohibited.
- Car washing is prohibited except with a bucket and hose with shut-off nozzle.
- Waste of water due to broken or defective plumbing, sprinklers and watering/irrigation systems is prohibited.
- Water service in public restaurants by request only.
- Bulk water sales at the District office available only for domestic use . No construction water.

District intensifies public information and media campaign actions and activities. District initiates neighborhood education programs. Modification of District utility operations to repair all identified leaks as expeditiously as possible, and engage in an aggressive leak detection program.



Water-saving garden tips



from the

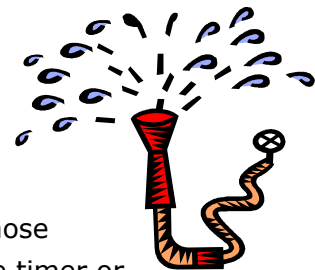
San Lorenzo Valley Water District

Drought-smart garden design:

- 💧 **Go native!** Plant native grasses, ground covers, shrubs and trees. Once established, natives need water less frequently and can better survive dry periods.
- 💧 **Group plants** with similar water needs together.
- 💧 **Install irrigation devices** that are most water efficient for each use, such as drip irrigation and soaker hoses.
- 💧 **Use mulch** to retain moisture in the soil. Mulch also helps control weeds that compete with landscape plants for water.
- 💧 **Avoid installing fountains,** unless the water is recycled.

Watering tips:

- 💧 **Water plants and lawns during early morning hours** when temperatures and wind speed are the lowest.
DO NOT OVER-WATER!
- 💧 **Don't leave sprinklers or hoses unattended.** A garden hose can pour out 600 gallons in a few hours. Use an automatic hose timer or a kitchen timer to remind yourself to turn sprinklers off.
- 💧 **Don't water the street, driveway or sidewalk.** Position sprinklers so water lands on the lawn and shrubs... not the paved areas.
- 💧 **Make sure your hose connectors have washers.** Plastic or rubber washers prevent leaks.
- 💧 **Use a shut-off nozzle on your hose** which can be adjusted down to a fine spray so that water flows only as needed.
- 💧 **Turn off the hose at the faucet** instead of at the nozzle, to avoid leaks.
- 💧 **Avoid fertilizing your lawn.** Fertilizer applications increase the need for water.



Questions? Call 831-338-2153, or go to the District website: www.slvwd.com