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YLWD Asks for Voluntary 10 Percent Water Use Reduction

***Board of Directors approves Water Proclamation
to encourage conservation during drought***

YORBA LINDA, Calif. (June 26, 2008) – The Yorba Linda Water District’s (YLWD) Board of Directors voted today to approve a Water Conservation Resolution that asks all customers within its service area to voluntarily reduce their daily water usage by ten percent. The resolution is in response to California’s current drought conditions, and outlines additional steps that the District will be taking to further educate customers on ways to conserve.

The conservation request is currently voluntary in nature, but if water supplies continue to be restrained and voluntary reductions do not occur, mandatory conservation may be implemented as outlined in the District’s 2005 Urban Water Management Plan.

“We are trying to stay ahead of the curve and ensure that our customers continue to have a safe and reliable water supply. By conserving just ten percent a day, everyone can make a big difference in seeing that our region’s needs are met,” said YLWD General Manager Michael Payne.

Some ways residential customers can reduce their water use by ten percent include:

- Watering lawns one less day each week;
- Turning off water when it’s not needed – while brushing teeth, while soaping up in the shower, etc.;
- Washing your car at a commercial car wash, which must recycle its water;
- Running dishwashers only when full and washers on the proper water setting, and
- Repairing all leaky faucets and toilets.

Conservation education initiatives outlined in the Water Proclamation include:

- Providing table-top placards to restaurants, informing customers that water will only be served if requested;
- Working with the Placentia-Yorba Unified School District to provide added water education programs;
- Working with local hotels to request long-term guests reuse towels and bed linens; and
- Encouraging customers to take advantage of rebates for certain conservation products, such as smart timers and low-flush toilets, through the Municipal Water District of Orange County.

“The steps set forth in this resolution reinforce YLWD’s ongoing, long-term commitment to educating our customers about the importance of conservation and the value of our resources. It is our goal with this measure to raise awareness even further,” Payne said.

The last time YLWD implemented a voluntary conservation measure was in 1992, as part of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California’s Incremental Interruption and Conservation Program.

About YLWD

The Yorba Linda Water District traces its roots back to 1909 and is one of Orange County’s oldest utility companies, providing water and wastewater service to more than 75,000 residents in portions of Yorba Linda, Placentia, Anaheim, Brea and unincorporated Orange County. For more information please visit www.YLWD.com.