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PHELAN PINON HILLS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
Conservation Measures Adopted; Stage II Initiated
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Conservation measures established and Stage II conservation measures initiated by the Phelan Piñon Hills Community Services District's Board of Directors.

At the July 1, 2015, Board Meeting, the Phelan Piñon Hills Community Services District's Board of Directors adopted Ordinance No. 2015-02; Establishing Conservation Measures as an urgency ordinance, following a public hearing. Immediately following adoption of the Ordinance, a public hearing was held regarding Resolution No. 2015-17; Initiating Stage II Conservation Measures. The Board then adopted the Resolution.

On April 1, 2015, the Governor of the State of California issued Executive Order B-29-15 which demanded a 25% reduction in water consumption. On May 5, 2015, the State Water Board adopted the emergency regulation to achieve a 25% statewide reduction in urban potable water use. The new regulation was submitted to the Office of Administrative Law for approval, and went into effect May 15, 2015. It was decided by the state that the Phelan Piñon Hills Community Services District (District) must reduce production of potable water by 32% compared to 2013.

At the May 13, 2015 Special Board Meeting, the Board determined that the District's existing conservation ordinance needed to be modified in order to provide an enforcement mechanism to enable the District to meet the impending conservation requirements set by the state. At the May 20, 2015, Board meeting, District counsel provided the Board with suggested revisions to the Ordinance. Additional reviews of the revised Ordinance were held on June 3, and June 17, 2015, and the public hearing required to adopt the revised Ordinance was held on July 1, 2015. After the public hearing, the Board elected to adopt the Ordinance as an urgency ordinance, making it effective immediately.

Following adoption of Ordinance No. 2015-02; Establishing Conservation Measures, a public hearing was held regarding initiating State II Conservation Measures. The Board then adopted Resolution No. 2015-17; Initiating Stage II Conservation Measures, also going into effect immediately. For more information, customers may visit the District's website at www.pphcsd.org. An informational flyer regarding the District's conservation requirements was mailed to customers with their July bills and also with the Consumer Quality Report. The District's Conservation Committee and Conservation staff are working expediently on programs to aid customers in complying with the conservation requirements mandated by the state.

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For further information regarding this matter, please contact District staff at (760) 868-1212.