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Notice of State Water Resources Control Board Emergency Regulation to Control Water Use During Droughts

West San Martin Water Works, Inc. has been ordered by the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) to notify its customers of the State Water Resources Control Board's (Board) restrictions and fines for violations of the Board's Emergency Regulations. This notification is being sent because California is in a drought and your cooperation is needed to ensure reliable supplies of water for your comfort and necessary use.

The Governor issued an Executive Order on April 1, 2015, mandating additional water use reductions. At this time the Board has not yet established the new mandatory rules. Once the Board acts, the Commission will follow suit and we will be notifying you of additional water use restrictions. In the meantime, the Governor's Executive Order mandated that the following restrictions are in full force and effect.

The Board has determined that the following water use activities by California customers are not allowed:

1. Watering outdoor landscapes in a way that causes water to "runoff" onto adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, parking lots, or structures.
2. Washing a vehicle, with a hose without a shut-off nozzle or other device that will immediately stop the flow of water when not in use.
3. Using drinking water to wash driveways and sidewalks.
4. Using drinking water in a fountain or other decorative water feature, except where the water is recirculated.

On March 17, 2015, the Water Board re-adopted the above water use prohibitions and added the following ones:

1. Customers are not allowed to irrigate turf or ornamental landscapes during and 48 hours following measurable precipitation.
2. Restaurants and other food service establishments can only serve water to customers on request.
3. Operators of hotels and motels must provide guests with the option of choosing not to have towels and linens laundered daily and prominently display notice of this option.
4. Customers will be informed by their water utility when the utility is aware of leaks that are within the customer's control.

In addition, pursuant to orders from the Water Board, we must establish irrigation restrictions for all of our customers. Irrigation of outside landscapes or turf with potable water is limited to two days per week.

Violation of any of these prohibited or restricted water use activities may be punished by a fine of up to five hundred dollars (\$500) for each day in which the violation occurs.

Further information may be obtained from the West San Martin Water Works, Inc.'s office at (408) 683-2098.