

Restrictions: Under Stage 3, the Company shall request customers to employ water conservation measures to reduce daily consumption by approximately 50%. All outside watering should be eliminated, except livestock, and indoor water conservation techniques should be employed whenever possible.

Notice Requirements: Same as Stage 2 plus, the Company shall post at least two signs at the entrance to the major subdivision showing curtailment stage. The Company shall notify the ACC at least 12 hours prior to entering Stage 3.

#### Stage 4 Exists When:

The Company's total storage has been less than 25 percent for at least 12 consecutive hours. The Company has identified issues creating a reasonable belief the Company will be unable to meet anticipated water demand on a sustained basis. The Company must rely on emergency hauling to augment the minimum needs to the customers.

Restrictions: Under Stage 4, the Company shall inform the customers of a **mandatory restriction** to employ water conservation measures to reduce daily consumption. All outside watering shall be eliminated, except livestock, and indoor water conservation techniques should be employed wherever possible. Failure to comply will result in temporary disconnection.

Notice Requirements: Same as Stage 3 above.

Stage 4 Enforcement Measures as Authorized by ACC: Customers who fail to comply with cessation of outdoor use provisions will be given written notice to end all outside use. Failure to comply within two (2) working days of receipt of the notice will result in temporary loss of service until agreement can be made to end unauthorized use of outside water. To restore service, the customer shall be required to pay all authorized reconnection fees.



#### REMEMBER CONSERVE

- **May—Sept. Odd/Even Watering**
- **No Watering Monday's**
- **No Watering 9 AM to 5 PM**

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## Water Emergency and Drought Conservation Plan



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## Water Emergency and Drought Conservation

Your water is supplied by groundwater wells operated by Montezuma Rimrock Water Company LLC (MRWC). MRWC is certified by the State of Arizona to provide domestic water service to the residents and businesses of Lake Montezuma Estates. MRWC is committed to providing safe, sufficient water to meet the needs of its customers. However, should water shortage conditions arise, MRWC wishes to inform its customers on the steps they can take to respond in an informed manner. Implementation of a drought conservation program can extend the existing groundwater water supply and assist the community in exercising responsible behavior. MRWC requests the cooperation of all customers to assist in the conservation of our most valuable natural resource, "water".

The Water Emergency and Drought Conservation Plan (WEDCP) outlined below, assists in providing strategies and procedures for periods of time when MRWC may not be able to meet the community's needs due to below normal rainfall or other issues that have affected the community's water supply. The WEDCP is a resource to provide ways for residents to aid in water demand reduction when a water supply insufficiency occurs, and to provide a framework for operations of MRWC's utility during times of drought and water shortage. The Response Stages in this plan incorporate a variety of measures to reduce the use of potable water in response to water drought or supply insufficiency conditions.



### Drought Conservation Plan

Periods of below normal precipitation (drought) lasting for years or decades are not abnormal. During drought conditions the groundwater table will lower, sometimes so much so that some wells will either produce less water or may go dry all together. The Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) requires annual reports on water consumption from all water purveyors, and encourages water conservation programs. MRWC is implementing a voluntary conservation program.

#### Drought Stage 1 Exists When:

Drought Stage 1 is the status when drought conditions abate and groundwater levels are normal. This stage is also in effect during the cooler months of October through April when outside watering needs and evaporation are low. During this stage there are no restrictions, however, MRWC always encourages you to "*Be Wise With Water*".

#### Drought Stage 2 Exists When:

Drought Stage 2 will be implemented yearly until precipitation has returned to a level where ground water levels have rebound.

Drought Stage 2 is a voluntary curtailment of water usage by the customer during the months of May, June, July, August, and September. During these months, MRWC requests that the customers divide outside watering to odd and even days (odd-Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday; even-Wed, Friday, Sunday) coinciding with the customer's street address number with no outside watering on Mondays. The highest percentage of water loss through evaporation occurs during the hours of 9am and 5pm and MRWC requests that no outside watering occur during these hours as well.

MRWC will be posting signs, and sending notes to customers periodically in their monthly bills reminding about the drought stage 2 voluntary restrictions.

### Water Supply Emergencies - Response Stages:

In the event of a *Water Emergency*, the Company is authorized by the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) to curtail water service, to all

customers, residential and commercial, within its certificated area under the following terms and conditions:

#### Stage 1 Exists When:

The Company is able to maintain water storage in the system at 100% capacity and there are no known problems with its well production or water storage in the system.

Restrictions: Under Stage 1, the company is deemed to be operating normally and no curtailment is necessary.

Notice Requirements: Under Stage 1, no notice is necessary.

#### Stage 2 Exists When:

The Company's total storage and well production has been less than 80% of capacity for at least 48 consecutive hours, and the Company has identified issues (such as steadily declining water table, an increased drawdown threatening pump operations, or poor water production) creating a reasonable belief the Company will be unable to meet anticipated water demands on the system.

Restrictions: Under Stage 2, the Company may request customers to employ water conservation measures to reduce water consumption by approximately 50%. Outside watering should be limited to essential water, dividing outside watering on some uniform basis (such as even and odd days) and eliminating outside watering on weekends and holidays.

Notice Requirements: Under Stage 2, the Company is required to notify customers by delivering written notice door to door at each service address, or by first class mail to the billing address or, at the Company's option both. Such notice shall notify the customers of the general nature of the problem and the need to conserve water.

#### Stage 3 Exists When:

The Company's total storage and well production has been less than 50% for at least 24 consecutive hours. The Company has identified issues creating a reasonable belief the Company will be unable to meet anticipated water demand on a sustained basis. The Company must rely on water hauling to augment the minimum needs of the customers.

