

**RESOLUTION NO. 681**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
CRESCENTA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT  
ADOPTING A WATER CONSERVATION ALERT SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS**, the Crescenta Valley Water District was established for the purpose of providing adequate and reliable potable water to its inhabitants at a reasonable cost; and

**WHEREAS**, the groundwater supply in the Verdugo Basin is utilized as the primary source of water for District customers; and

**WHEREAS**, consecutive years of below normal precipitation in the watersheds of the Verdugo Basin have severely reduced the groundwater production capacity and individual well reliability in the Verdugo Basin and hence the water supply available to the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the District's imported water supply connections with the Foothill Municipal Water District and the emergency water supply interconnection with the City of Glendale, both which provide a supplemental source of water for District customers, are limited in size and capacity, may be subjected to random mechanical failures, and are being subjected to increased demands; and

**WHEREAS**, the District's imported water supply may be subject to a reduced water allotment from the Foothill Municipal Water District should the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California put into effect their approved allocation plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the above limitations have created the possibility that the District may be unable to meet customer demand during periods of high water use such as hot weather; and

**WHEREAS**, the District's Phase I Voluntary Water Conservation Program has been only minimally successful in reducing water demand; and

**WHEREAS**, conservation of water by District customers will help the District supply water for customers and keep water in storage for fire protection during peak periods; and

**WHEREAS**, peak summer water demands are generally considered to be caused by outdoor water use and the District should place special emphasis on outdoor water conservation; and

**WHEREAS**, the District, through its public information program, should advise and alert its customers to the serious nature of the situation and the need for a reduction in demand by customers through the use of a conservation alert system; and

**WHEREAS**, the District has the power and authority, under Section 375 of the California Water Code, to adopt water conservation measures for activities within its service area; and

**WHEREAS**, given the current conditions, the District finds it necessary and beneficial to undertake the second phase of its water conservation program; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the General Manager is authorized to implement a color-coded water conservation alert system, as Phase II of the goal to reduce the risk and severity of water shortage; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Crescenta Valley Water District urges its customers to follow the alert system described below:

- a. Color Code “Blue” is defined as the Normal Water Conservation Alert, Foothill Municipal Water District can meet all Member Agency demands. Standard water conservation applies as defined in Appendix G of the Rules and Regulations.
- b. Color Code “Green” is defined as an Increased Voluntary Conservation Alert, some supplies have been impacted and customers should increase efforts to conserve.
- c. Color Code “Yellow” is defined as an Extraordinary Conservation Alert, when Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is pulling water from most of its storage programs to meet demands. Extraordinary conservation is called for from customers. Customers are requested to minimize indoor water use and water outdoors only on assigned odd or even days as further detailed in Appendix G of the District Rules and Regulations.
- d. Color Code “Orange” is defined as a Rationing Conservation Alert, when Metropolitan Water District of Southern California has implemented its allocation plan to its member agencies. Customers are requested to minimize indoor water use and severely limit outdoor water use as further detailed in Appendix G of the District Rules and Regulations.
- e. Color Code “Red” is defined as a Critical Water Conservation Alert, when water supplies are only available for health and safety needs. Customers are requested to minimize indoor water use and curtail all outdoor water use as further detailed in Appendix G of the District’s Rules and Regulations.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors of the Crescenta Valley Water District authorize that Appendix G of the District’s Rules and Regulations is amended to read as attached; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that if critical water shortages continue to exist and if a water conservation alert system proves insufficient to accomplish the necessary conservation, the Crescenta Valley Water District will consider additional and more restrictive phases of water conservation to curtail water use. Likewise, should water supply conditions return to normal, the Crescenta Valley Water District will also consider ending this program at such time.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Crescenta Valley Water District held on January 7, 2009, Resolution No. 681 was adopted by the following vote:

