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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Upper District Continues Level 2 of its Water Supply Contingency Plan with Some Flexibility for Local Agencies**

**Monrovia, CA** — On Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Directors of the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (Upper District) unanimously approved a resolution to continue with Level 2 of its Water Shortage Contingency Plan. This level activates a regional “call to action” to residents of Upper Districts service area for a voluntary 20% reduction in water usage. The resolution also encouraged producers to allow no more than three irrigation days per week during the summer months and two irrigation days per week in the winter months to keep water usage controlled while supplies are replenished.

While the San Gabriel Valley received an above average rain fall season, the last two droughts have dropped the groundwater basin to record lows. While this rain season has allowed for record replenishment deliveries that have increased the groundwater basin levels, Upper District, along with local water agencies, are asking residents to continue voluntary conservation which will help preserve the region’s water storage for future dry years.

“Our communities have done a tremendous job reducing their water usage,” said Board President Jennifer Santana. “Our groundwater basin is rebounding but we must continue to be water efficient to ensure that we have enough water stored to get us through the next dry season.”

The Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) was approved by the Board of Directors in June 2021 and provides Upper District the guidelines to respond to the evolving water supply conditions throughout the region and state. WSCP details the key shortage response actions and communication protocols that may be implemented to ensure reliable water supplies in Upper District’s service area.

In addition to the recommended outdoor watering schedule, Upper District will continue its robust public information campaign that promotes water conservation and educates the public on the importance of preserving our local water supply for future dry years. A tool kit containing conservation fact sheets, tips and messaging graphics for social media is available to all cities and water retailers on Upper District’s [website](#).

Upper District’s mission is to provide a reliable, sustainable, diversified, and affordable portfolio of high-quality water supplies to the San Gabriel Valley; including water conservation, recycled water, storm water capture, storage, and imported water. Upper District services nearly one million people in its 144 square mile service territory which consists of all or parts of the following cities: Arcadia, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Bradbury, City of Industry, Covina, El Monte, Glendora, Duarte, Irwindale, La Puente, Monrovia, Rosemead, San Gabriel, South El Monte, South Pasadena, Temple City, and West Covina. Governed by a five-member elected board of directors, Upper District is a member agency of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Annually, more than 78 billion gallons of water is used in Upper District’s service area. For more information about Upper District, please visit our website [www.upperdistrict.org](http://www.upperdistrict.org) or call 626-443-2297.

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