



Good afternoon, San Diego County leaders.

You might have heard on the news that millions of Southern Californians will be impacted by drought emergency rules adopted this week by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's Board of Directors to address serious water shortages in parts of the agency's service area that solely depend on the State Water Project.

Those restrictions do not directly affect residents and businesses who receive water from the San Diego County Water Authority through their retail water provider because our region is not currently receiving water from the State Water Project.

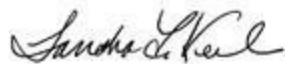
The San Diego region continues to have reliable water supplies for 2022 and beyond due to a long-term commitment to conservation and investments in a diversified water supply portfolio, including drought-resilient sources like the Claude "Bud" Lewis Carlsbad Desalination Plant. However, extreme drought conditions are felt widely across the West, and we strongly support agencies taking appropriate conservation actions where they are needed.

The Water Authority's Board of Directors has not enacted water-use mandates as we wait for the State Water Board's direction and final emergency regulations in late May. In addition, Water Authority's diversified supplies remain intact.

We continue to support the Governor's call for increased voluntary

conservation at homes and businesses. We encourage actions such as taking shorter showers and fixing leaks immediately, along with taking advantage of rebates for replacing turf with landscapes that are WaterSmart and appropriate for our climate.

I encourage you to check out the tips, resources and rebates for homes and businesses at www.watersmartsd.org.



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