

## **Statement on 2022 Annual Water Supply and Demand Assessment for Ventura County Waterworks District No. 1, Moorpark**

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The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) requires all Urban Water retailers to submit an assessment of their annual supply and demand projections by July 1<sup>st</sup> every year. After the release of DWR's final report in November 2022, the State experienced significant drought relief through a series of atmospheric river events across the state. The improved statewide hydrologic conditions allowed DWR to increase the State Water Project (SWP) allocation to 30% for the coming year. With the updated allocation for 2023, Ventura County Waterworks District No. 1 (District) is projecting that it will have adequate supplies to meet customer needs through the rest of 2023.

The District submitted its initial supply and demand projections to DWR June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. These projections accounted for the unprecedented 5% SWP allocation DWR set for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) and the associated projections from the District's wholesale water provider, Calleguas Municipal Water District. Since 70% of the District's water is supplied by the SWP through Calleguas, the supply projections are tied closely to DWR's annual allocations. At the time of the initial submission, and given the uncertain outlook concerning the drought, the District projected a supply shortage of 54% by June 2023 before accounting for any water shortage actions.

The District's Board declared a Stage 3 Supply Shortage May 10, 2022 requiring a 30% reduction in water usage by District customers and implementation of outdoor irrigation restrictions effective June 1, 2022. Over the summer of 2022, the District's customers successfully reduced their water demand to the lowest levels in the past two decades. The District's successful conservation efforts, along with Calleguas supplementing its imported water deliveries with locally stored groundwater, allowed the District to submit a revised supply and demand projection to DWR on August 31, 2022. The revised projection showed that the District would only see a 4% supply shortfall by June 2023. DWR's annual report categorized the District's revised shortfall as a "small shortage".

For more information on the DWR Annual Supply and Demand Report, please follow the link below.

Link to 2022 DWR Annual Supply and Demand and Report Page:

<https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Water-Use-And-Efficiency/Water-Supply-and-Demand-Assessment>

