



District News

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The State Announces a “0” Percent Allocation for State Water Project Supplies

Claremont, CA — The Department of Water Resources (DWR) announced today of a zero percent initial State Water Project allocation for 2022, in response to ongoing multi-year drought conditions in the state.

The initial zero percent allocation from the State is the latest in a series of actions taken due to two years of dry conditions. Earlier this year, Governor Newsom asked all Californians to voluntarily reduce their water use by 15 percent. In preparation for a third consecutive dry year, Newsom declared a statewide drought emergency in October.

“This extreme reduction in our Northern California supplies means we all must increase our conservation efforts. I am pleased to say this message has been aggressively acted upon by the retail member agencies we serve,” stated Matthew Litchfield, General Manager for Three Valleys Municipal Water District (TVMWD).

In October, the TVMWD board adopted a resolution declaring a Water Supply Alert in anticipation of the zero percent allocation. This was followed in November with the board’s declaration of a Water Shortage Contingency Plan – Shortage Level 2 – which calls for up to a 20% reduction in water use. TVMWD’s Miramar Water Treatment Plant in Claremont is 100% state water project dependent for over 20,000 acre feet of water per year. This accounts for approximately one-third of the treated water necessary to meet the demands of the service area, in addition to local supplies.

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In 1950, Pomona Valley Municipal Water District (PVMWD) was formed under State law for the purpose of annexing to the Metropolitan Water District (MWD), thereby entitling the area to receive water imported to the region. The district changed its name to Three Valleys Municipal Water District in 1981.

TVMWD, a water resources management agency is governed by an elected Board of seven officials and covers approximately 133 square miles. The present population is about 515,000. Since its formation, the Three Valleys Municipal Water District has installed some 37,000 feet of pipeline and delivered more than 150 billion gallons of water.