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Subject: **RESCINDING LEVEL 3 WATER SHORTAGE FOR VENTURA COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICTS NO. 1 (MOORPARK), NO. 17 (BELL CANYON), NO 19 (SOMIS) and NO. 38 (LAKE SHERWOOD)**

Dear Customers,

On May 10, 2022, the Board of Supervisors of Ventura County declared a Level 3 Water Supply Shortage for our service areas. At the time, California was in its third year of drought and had just experienced the driest three months (January, February & March) in California history which had a significant impact on our areas water supply. The mandatory actions that followed were meant to help extend our limited water supplies after the Department of Water Resources (DWR) announced that it would only be able to deliver a minimal amount of water that year.

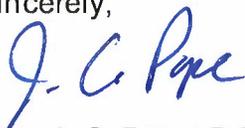
The multiple storms we have received this winter have helped alleviate the water supply conditions that led to those mandatory restrictions. Last month, DWR announced that it expected to deliver 75 percent of requested water supplies, the highest since 2017. As a result on April 5, 2023, the Districts' wholesale water provider, Calleguas Municipal Water District rescinded all drought-related restrictions.

Therefore, effective **April 6, 2023**, the Level 3 Water Shortage declaration is rescinded along with the associated restrictions. The Districts' permanent water waste prohibitions are still in effect. The prohibitions can be found at the link provided below. Additionally, the statewide emergency regulation prohibiting the irrigation of non-functional grass with potable water at commercial, industrial and institutional properties remains in effect.

We understand that these last nine months have been difficult and we would like to thank you for your cooperation and water conservation efforts. While the current drought may be over, we must continue to use our water wisely and be prepared for any future droughts.

For more information, visit our water conservation webpage at:
<https://www.vcpublishworks.org/wsd/waterconservation/>

Sincerely,



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