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PWD CUSTOMERS INVITED TO **MAY 26 EVENT TO LEARN ABOUT NEW WATER RESTRICTIONS**

Palmdale, CA – Palmdale Water District (PWD) customers interested in learning more about the recently enacted mandatory water conservation guidelines are invited to attend the next Let's Talk H2O! event at 5 p.m. Thursday, May 26, at PWD, 2029 East Avenue Q.

PWD Resource and Analytics Director Peter Thompson Jr. will discuss the new guidelines that include limited outdoor watering schedules, enforcement of drought rules, and upcoming changes to water allocations. He also will share information about the District's water supply for 2022 and the need for everyone to conserve at least 20% compared to two years ago.

The event is free, but registration is required. Sign up at https://bit.ly/LetsTalkMay26.

Since May 1, PWD customers have been limited to watering their outdoor landscapes three days a week - Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays – before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m. On June 1, the Tier 2 outdoor (more)

watering allocations for residential and irrigation customers will be reduced by 20%. A 40-cent per unit drought surcharge will also be added to water use in Tiers 3-5, the non-essential usage tiers. Customers whose water use remains in Tier 1 and the adjusted Tier 2 will not be affected by the drought surcharge.

The guidelines were adopted in April by the Board of Directors as part of PWD's Mandatory Stage 2 of its Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

"We have been asking customers for the past year to voluntarily conserve water to help during the drought," Thompson said. "As we experienced more dry weather this year, it is critical that everyone becomes aware of the seriousness of our current drought and make an extra effort at using water wisely. The best way is to use a lot less water for outdoor watering."

Since 1918, the Palmdale Water District has provided high-quality water at a reasonable cost. We pride ourselves on providing great customer care; advocating for local water issues that help our residents; educating the community on water-use efficiency; and leading our region in researching and implementing emerging technologies that increase operational efficiency. For more information about PWD, visit www.palmdalewater.org.