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IMPLEMENTATION OF VOLUNTARY CONSERVATION MEASURES FOR CATALINA ISLAND WATER CUSTOMERS IN RESPONSE TO WORSENING DROUGHT CONDITIONS

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Dear Customer:

California is currently experiencing drought conditions due to consecutive years of below-average rainfall. Recent warm temperatures through April and May make 2021 a critically dry year. On July 8, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom issued a State of Emergency Proclamation and Executive Order N-10-21, calling on all Californians to voluntarily reduce their water usage by 15 percent from 2020 levels to preserve water supplies to better prepare for the potential for continued dry conditions next year. Also on July 8, 2021, the Director of the California Public Utilities Commission's Water Division sent a letter to all investor-owned water utilities, calling on utilities to implement voluntary conservation measures to achieve the 15 percent reduction in water use included in the Governor's Proclamation and Executive Order.

Southern California Edison (SCE) is hereby implementing voluntary conservation measures on Catalina Island, encouraging customers to voluntarily conserve water to preserve the island's precious water resources through sustained dry conditions. As the Middle Ranch Reservoir has not dropped below the 600 acre-foot level, SCE is not implementing Stage 1 of its Mandatory Water Conservation and Rationing Plan. Rather, SCE is encouraging customers to voluntarily conserve water to achieve the Governor's goal of a 15 percent reduction in water use from 2020 levels. Implementing voluntary conservation measures now could also potentially defer the implementation of Stage 1 mandatory water conservation, should drought conditions persist through next winter.

A list of voluntary conservation measures is provided in Attachment A to this letter. For additional information on water saving measures, please visit www.SaveOurWater.com.

Sincerely,



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ATTACHMENT A – VOLUNTARY CONSERVATION MEASURES

The list of voluntary water conservation measures as outlined in SCE Water Tariff Rule 14.1 is provided below. Customers should avoid the following non-essential or unauthorized uses, including:

1. Use through any meter when the company has notified the customer in writing to repair a broken or defective plumbing, sprinkler, watering or irrigation system and the customer has failed to effect such repairs within five business days.
2. Use of potable water that results in flooding, runoff, or overspray.
3. Individual private washing of cars, or private boats or aircrafts with a hose except with the use of a positive action shut-off nozzle or three-gallon bucket. Use of potable water for washing commercial aircraft, buses, boats, trailers, or other commercial vehicles at any time, except at commercial or fleet vehicle or boat washing facilities operated at a fixed location where equipment using water is properly maintained to avoid wasteful use.
4. Use of potable water washing buildings and structures, street cleaning, driveways, patios, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard-surfaced areas, except in the cases where health and safety are at risk.
5. Use of potable water to irrigate plants, gardens, or ornamental landscaping by means other than drip irrigation, hand watering without quick acting positive action shut-off nozzles, or by use of a container or bucket not exceeding a three-gallon capacity.
6. Use of potable water for construction purposes such as consolidation of backfill, dust control, mixing of cement concrete (except at an established cement or concrete plant), preparation of mortar, curing, site clean-up, or other uses except where such construction is minor and does not require a permit or is required for safety and health reasons.
7. Operation of commercial car washes without recycling at least 50% of the potable water used per cycle.
8. Use of potable water for the filling or refilling of swimming pools, spas, hot tubs and decorative fountains. Water level in existing pools, spas, and hot tubs that circulate water may be maintained to ensure continued operation of recirculation equipment only if they are equipped with a specifically designed cover in good working condition when not in use.
9. Service of water by any restaurant except upon the request of a patron.
10. The use of fresh water from fire hydrants, at any time, for any purpose other than fire suppression is prohibited.
11. Use of potable water to irrigate ornamental turf on public medians.
12. Use of potable water to irrigate outdoor landscapes during and within 48 hours of measurable rainfall.
13. Use of potable water to irrigate landscapes outside of newly constructed homes and buildings in a manner inconsistent with regulations or other requirements established by the California Building Standards Commission and the Department of Housing and Community Development.
14. Operators of hotel, motels or similar business establishments providing overnight accommodations shall provide guests with the option of choosing not to have towels and linens laundered daily. The operators of these establishments shall prominently display notice of this option in each guestroom using clear and easily understood language.
15. The watering of plants, gardens, or ornamental landscaping by drip irrigation or hand watering with a quick acting positive action shut-off nozzle or turf and lawns with sprinkler systems shall be limited to the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., during the period Pacific Daylight Time is in effect, and 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., during the period Pacific Standard Time is in effect. Watering by use of a container or bucket not exceeding a three-gallon capacity will be permitted at any time.