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CHINO HILLS CITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER URGENCY ORDINANCE TO ALLOW WATERING THREE-DAYS PER WEEK

Chino Hills, CA – At their meeting on July 12, the Chino Hills City Council will review a staff recommendation to adopt an urgency Water Conservation Ordinance that would immediately allow watering three-days per week, an increase from the current two-day per week schedule. After the hottest June on record and concern about distressed and dying trees, City staff has put the item on a fast track for City Council consideration prior to the previously scheduled review by the Public Works Commission, which will take place at a special meeting on July 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 14000 City Center Drive. The Public Works Commission will still conduct their evaluation of the revised Ordinance. Their recommendations, if substantial, may result in the development of a backup ordinance that would be scheduled for future Council consideration.

Several items previously required in the Stage III Water Alert, originally declared on May 26, 2015, will be moved to the Stage II Water Alert, which staff is recommending be declared. The new Ordinance would also delete the section that prohibited the use of misting systems for cooling purposes at business establishments. If the urgency ordinance is adopted, a public outreach program will begin to notify the public.

The State Water Resources Control Board (WRCB) took action in May to extend water regulations with modifications. Water utilities in California were asked to review water supply data for the next three years assuming that drought conditions continue. Public Works staff completed its analysis and concluded that the City's water supply slightly exceeds demand by 1% for the next three years, assuming drought conditions. Chino Hills' overall water use was reduced by 25% from 2013 levels after strict restrictions were put in place in May of 2015 to comply with the Governor's Executive Orders and the WRCB regulations. For additional information, please call the Public Works Department at (909) 364-2800.

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