



Mountain House Community Services District

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Dear Community of Mountain House:

We are quickly moving through the year with summer fast approaching. While the northern California snowpack and their downstream reservoirs seem to be faring well, not so for New Melones Reservoir located on the Stanislaus River, groundwater basins around the San Joaquin Valley pumped hard during the drought, and southern San Joaquin Valley and Southern California. Here in Mountain House, I do not expect a repeat of the curtailment experienced in 2015, but the Governor has extended drought regulations through October 15, 2016. For now, the Mountain House Community Services District (MHCS D) Board directed Stage III drought emergency with two-day per week irrigation requirements will still be in effect. Mountain House Community Services District staff will monitor conditions closely and will make appropriate changes as new information becomes available.

Please continue to conserve both indoors and outdoors through the use of smart water tips available online. For those that shut off outdoor irrigation completely last year, please ensure you irrigate at least the allowable two days per week to maintain your landscape vegetation. Remember, multiple, shorter irrigation cycles during the two allowable days is better than one long irrigation cycle – this will help minimize runoff and ensure water gets to the plant's root zone. MHCS D staff is here to help you. If you need help with programming your irrigation controller or would like further information regarding landscape design requirements and how to conserve water, please visit the Mountain House Community Services District website at the following web address: www.mountainhousecsd.org or contact MHCS D staff directly at (209) 831-2300.

In the previous community letter, I provided information on how you can get better involved in your local community by participating in your Mountain House Community Services District Board meetings. The MHCS D Board meetings are open to the community and are held the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM. The meeting agenda is posted online and in the foyer of the MHCS D administration building located along Arnaudo and South Sterling Drive, one week ahead of the meeting for review. All MHCS D Board meetings are held in the Board Chambers at this administration building. MHCS D Board meetings use streaming technology and can be viewed live and are archived for viewing anytime at the following web address: www.mountainhousecsd.org. We hope you make use of these opportunities to get involved in your community!

MHCS D planning for the future is in full swing. Currently available for public review are the following documents located on the MHCS D website:

*The Mission of the District is to Provide Responsive Service to our Growing Community
that Exceeds Expectations at a Fair Value*

- ❖ Urban Water Management Plan
- ❖ Capital Improvement Plan / Pavement Management Plan
- ❖ Draft Strategic Plan – 2016
- ❖ Customer Satisfaction Survey – 2016

These foundation documents help provide the necessary information to develop the budget for next year. MHCSO staff will be holding budget planning study sessions for the Board and the community on two successive nights: Thursday, May 19th and May 26th, 2016 at 6 PM in the Board Chambers. Please help review the above documents and add your input to these upcoming study session opportunities!

Your feedback will help Mountain House Community Services District make decisions that guide our Community.

Sincerely,



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