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Hello Mount Hermon Residents,

Summer is now upon us, and as expected, rainfall to date is approximately 43% of the annual average for this time of the year. Thankfully, Mount Hermon's groundwater supply is stable, but since we cannot predict when normal rainfall patterns will return, we ask that you continue your efforts of reducing water usage wherever you can.

Earlier this year the County of Santa Cruz, which includes Mount Hermon, passed Resolution 13-2014, which urges all County residents, including small water systems and private well owners, to become aware of the drought situation and take actions to reduce water usage by at least 20%. Neighboring water districts that rely heavily on surface water supplies have already implemented Stage 2 water shortage restrictions for their customers. Stage 2 restrictions focus on cutting back outdoor water use.

At this time we recommend implementing these Stage 2 water restrictions:

- No watering or irrigation between 10 am and 5 pm
- Limit outdoor irrigation to only 3 days a week or less.
- Limit irrigation to 15 minutes per station.
- Do not wash down hard or paved surfaces.
- Shut-off nozzles are required on the end of all hoses.

Conserving water now will help to mitigate water shortages down the road if California's drought condition continues to worsen.

Thank you for your consideration,

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