

MEDIA ADVISORY



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CALIFORNIA AMERICAN WATER TO HOST COMMUNITY MEETINGS IN THOUSAND OAKS

Utility to discuss permanent mandatory water conservation plan

VENTURA, CA (September 23, 2009) - California American Water will host two community meetings in Ventura on September 30, 2009 to educate and inform customers about the company's request to implement a permanent mandatory water conservation plan in its Ventura service area.

Customers are encouraged to attend one of the meetings to ask questions and share their thoughts with company representatives, who will be on hand to discuss the mandatory water conservation plan.

- WHO:** California American Water
- WHAT:** Ventura County Public Meetings
- WHERE:** Palm Garden Hotel – Palm Room I
495 North Ventu Park Road
Thousand Oaks, CA 91320
- WHEN:** Wednesday, September 30, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Due to the ongoing drought in the state, water wholesalers have been ordered to cut their water allocations throughout the entire Southern California area, including Ventura.

As a result, California American Water's water allocation has been significantly reduced and will have to enact permanent mandatory water conservation measures in order to stay within its new allocated supply level. The usage restrictions, which may be administered in incrementally restrictive stages, will be clearly explained during the meetings.

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In addition, all customers in the Ventura county service district will be notified once mandatory conservation takes effect and will be informed of exactly what to expect and what their responsibilities are during this phase.

Information on conservation rebates for toilets and washing machines, free conservation kits with water saving devices including low flow showerheads and garden hose nozzles will be available at each meeting.

California American Water, a wholly owned subsidiary of American Water (NYSE: AWK), is the largest investor-owned water utility in the state, providing high-quality and reliable water and/or wastewater services to more than 600,000 people.

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