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ORO VALLEY URGES DROUGHT RESPONSE

April 26, 2007

The Town of Oro Valley Water Utility has implemented a Stage 2 drought response based on local and regional conditions and forecasts. This response is spelled out in a resolution adopted by the Oro Valley Town Council in November, 2006 (attached).

Water Utility Director Philip Saletta has informed the Town Council of the response plans in a memorandum delivered on April 25. Oro Valley's response is similar to responses issued this week by the City of Tucson and Pima County.

Under Oro Valley's plan, water customers are being asked to take 2 additional voluntary steps to conserve water: 1) To reduce by 10% each customer's use of water, and 2) to refrain from using irrigation systems before 7 p.m. or after 7 a.m.

Saletta indicated that information about the drought response will be shared with customers who contact the Oro Valley Water Utility and via normal media channels. There may also be follow-up information that will be inserted in upcoming water bill mailings.

Saletta also emphasized that Oro Valley has more than a sufficient supply of water, but that this response is intended to make prudent use of that water during a time of regional shortages.

The Town of Oro Valley is currently completing construction of the second phase of its project to bring reclaimed water to large turf areas in the community. The Town is also pursuing cooperative arrangements with neighboring water providers to build the infrastructure necessary to deliver Central Arizona Water to the area.

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