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Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District Determines Official Water Supply Availability Level for 2022

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WEST JORDAN—Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District is asking its communities to reduce water use by 10 percent after adopting an official water supply restriction during its board meeting on May 11th. The Level 1 restriction calls for voluntary reductions in water use.

“Efficient water use is always important,” said Cory Rushton, chair of Jordan Valley Water’s Board of Trustees. “But in years when available water supplies are lower than average, taking proactive measures to reduce water waste is essential.”

While Jordan Valley Water is not imposing mandatory watering restrictions or reducing deliveries under its water contracts, the agency’s leaders say water use reductions are still needed.

“Our communities voluntarily reduced water use by more than ten percent when facing drought conditions last year.” said Bart Forsyth, General Manager of Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District. “Our hope is that those efforts continue into this year.”

According to Forsyth, water saved during 2022 will not only help meet existing demands but will also stabilize water supplies should the drought continue into 2023 and beyond.

To meet its reduction target, Jordan Valley Water is asking the public to limit outdoor watering to no more than two times per week, fix leaks, and to take other appropriate actions to reduce their water use. Additional guidance can be found at <https://jvwcd.org/water/issues>.

“It’s critical that we respond appropriately to the current drought conditions and adopt practices that will help us to better prepare for future droughts in our communities,” said Alan Packard, Assistant General Manager of the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District. According to Packard, Jordan Valley Water’s drought contingency plan includes 5 drought response levels triggered by evaluating water supply availability, snowpack levels, temperature trends, and probable conditions for the following year. This year, the district’s water supply availability has necessitated a level 1 response.

In addition to the announced water use reduction target, Jordan Valley Water continues to promote and implement drought mitigation measures to secure water for the future and to become more resilient against future droughts. These projects include municipal adoption of water efficiency standards, waterwise landscape installation rebates, and free landscape consultations. Water conservation programs and rebates available to the public can be found at <https://utahwatersavers.com>.

“Drought will likely be a part of Utah’s water forecast in the future.” said Packard. “But with proactive measures, I believe Utah will continue to be a place where communities can thrive—even if it requires a slightly different approach to how we view and use water.”

| Water Supply Availability Level | Water Shortage Description | Water Demand Reduction Target |
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| <p>Level 0</p>  | Normal | None |
| <p>Level 1</p>  | Moderate | 5-10 % |
| <p>Level 2</p>  | Severe | 10-20% |
| <p>Level 3</p>  | Extreme | 20-30% |
| <p>Level 4</p>  | Critical/Exceptional | 30-50% |

About Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District

Jordan Valley Water supplies drinking water to nearly a quarter of Utah’s population. While approximately ninety percent of its water is delivered wholesale to cities, improvement districts, and agencies, the district also provides direct water service to thousands of residents in various cities and unincorporated areas of Salt Lake County.

About Utah’s Statewide Drought

While the entire state of Utah is experiencing drought conditions, each water provider’s water supply sources are impacted differently. This is why residents in one area of the state may experience watering restrictions different than those in another. Jordan Valley Water’s diverse water portfolio was designed to mitigate the impact of drought conditions; however it will not remove the need for escalating water restrictions if weather conditions change or the drought continues for multiple years.

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