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DATE: May 9, 2016

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Jim Friedl, General Manager

SUBJECT: **California's Severe Drought and Conejo Recreation and Park District's Response in Terms of Water Conservation Recommendations**

On May 7, 2015, the Board directed staff to provide monthly reports of the District's water use, water savings projects, and activities to date.

Water Use

Attached is the monthly water use report, including:

- Water use from June 1, 2015 to October 31, 2016 as compared to same months in 2013 (by Districtwide, and by water agency)
- District's Water Usage per Acre (All Funds)
- Overall Water Costs (All Funds)
- Rainfall

Water Savings Projects and Activities

- Capital Projects
 - Convert to Reclaimed Water at North Ranch Neighborhood Park
 - ◆ Work started February 2016
 - ◆ Expected completion May 2016
 - Irrigation Booster Pump Replacement at Conejo Creek South
 - ◆ Completed
 - Convert Small Turf Areas to Decomposed Granite, Mulch, Concrete at Wildflower Playfield
 - ◆ Turf rebate application approved (NTE \$21,500)
 - ◆ Project completed and rebate funds received

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- Additional Turf Conversions at Conejo Creek West (Dog Park)
 - ◆ Turf rebate application approved (NTE \$50,000)
 - ◆ Project completed and rebate funds received
- Hiring Irrigation Technician
 - Started mid-September 2015
- Modifying Turf Refurbishments
 - Ongoing
- Bio Char results monitoring (implementation end of July 2015) at:
 - Kimber Neighborhood Park
 - Oakbrook Neighborhood Park (West)
- Turf Conversions
 - Water shut-off at all locations, approximately 40 acres
 - Turf rebate applications
 - ◆ Due to urgent requirements to meet grant deadlines, projects to be completed utilizing FS Construction
 - ◆ Projects completed
 - ◇ Sunset Hills Neighborhood Park (NTE \$50,000)
 - Request for rebate funds submitted and estimated delivery May 2016
 - ◇ Russell Access Strips #1, #2, #3 (NTE approximately \$30,000 per strip)
 - Rebate funds received
 - ◇ Russell Neighborhood Park (NTE \$50,000)
 - Rebate funds received
 - ◇ North Ranch Playfield (NTE \$35,700)
 - Rebate funds received
 - ◇ Wendy Neighborhood Park (NTE \$26,500)
 - Rebate funds received
 - ◇ Walnut Grove Neighborhood Park (NTE \$3,400)
 - Rebate funds received
 - ◇ Sycamore Neighborhood Park (NTE \$50,000)
 - Request for rebate funds submitted and estimated delivery May 2016
 - As of July 9, 2015, Metropolitan Water District is no longer offering turf removal incentives region-wide. Staff submitted additional areas to be on a waitlist to be considered at a later date; potential local water agency incentives may be available.
- Waiver for Watering Operations
 - Approved for all three water agencies
- Public Outreach
 - Website updated - information, maps of turf conversion areas (www.crpd.org/water)
 - On-site signage for turf conversions, modified field refurbishments

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPLIANCE

Meets 2016 Strategic Plan Element 6.9: Evaluate enhanced recycling and energy conservation practices. Evaluate and enhance our recycling and energy conservation practices within the District and at District properties and events to assure that we continuously improve the District's recycling, energy conservation, resource utilization and related practices.

Respectfully submitted by,



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Attachments