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NATIONAL DRINKING WATER WEEK MAY 4 - 10

Time to take steps to save and protect our water

LANCASTER (April 2008) – Los Angeles County Waterworks Dist. No. 40 reminds Antelope Valley residents that National Drinking Water Week is May 4 through May 10, 2008. National Drinking Water Week is an annual event intended to raise awareness about the effects of individual actions on water quality and water supply.

“Only 1 percent of all the water on Earth can be used for cooking, drinking, and other domestic uses,” said Melinda Barrett, Water Conservation Manager for the Waterworks Districts. “As we know too well, the supply of water is limited, but our demand continues to go up. It’s very important that each one of us take steps not to waste water or pollute it.”

In 2007, the Districts asked customers to reduce water use by at least 10 percent by taking simple steps in their yard. Customers responded by reducing usage 8 percent over the previous year. This summer, the Waterworks District is again asking customers to take simple but important steps to reduce their

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water usage by at least 10 percent:

- **Adjust your sprinkler system.** Turning back the timer by 1 or 2 minutes per day can make a big difference. Make sure you're watering your yard and not the sidewalk. Water during the cooler part of the day – between 6:00 pm and 6:00 am -- to avoid water loss from wind and evaporation.
- **Fix leaks.** Indoor and outdoor leaks waste hundreds of gallons of drinking water each month. In many cases, a new toilet flapper or 25-cent faucet washer are all it takes to fix the problem.
- **Plant native plants.** Visit the Home Depot Garden Center or the Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District Nursery to find plant choices native to the area or specially selected for low water use.
- **Use a broom** instead of a hose to clean up leaves and grass clippings from the yard.

Waterworks Dist. No. 40 will be joining Palmdale Water District and other agencies involved in water distribution, water conservation and water quality as a sponsor at the Water Awareness Fair May 17 and 18 at 2029 East Avenue Q in Palmdale. Residents are encouraged to attend and find out more about how they can protect and preserve our precious water supplies.

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