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OC Water Agencies to Conduct Test of Regional Emergency Notification System *Register with AlertOC to Receive Disaster Notifications*

(Fountain Valley, CA) – At 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7th, over two million Orange County residents will receive a call, text or email to test the County’s regional mass notification system, known as AlertOC. This test message will go out to customers of 27 participating cities and local water agencies throughout the County.

Residents are encouraged to register their cell phone numbers, email addresses and other alternate numbers at www.AlertOC.com to participate in the regional test and receive important, life-saving information when a real disaster strikes. The key feature of AlertOC is the ability for residents to register more than one contact method, allowing the system to reach the greatest number of community members as rapidly as possible through a single notification system.

The AlertOC drill on April 7th will replicate a large scale, region-wide emergency requiring thousands of residents and businesses throughout Orange County to be called simultaneously. The phone message will clearly indicate that the message residents are receiving is a test, and it will provide information on how to register additional contact methods, such as cell phone, text message and email. The regional test message will be delivered in conjunction with a reminder that California is still in a serious drought and all residents need to use water wisely.

This test exercise is organized by the Water Emergency Response Organization of Orange County (WEROC), which coordinates emergency response and mutual aid planning for all Orange County water and wastewater agencies.

For more information, or to register additional contact methods, visit www.AlertOC.com. To learn how to save water during this ongoing drought, please visit, www.ocwatersmart.com, follow us on Facebook at WEROC, or Twitter @OCWEROC.

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