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MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY IMPLEMENTS WATER SUPPLY ALLOCATION PLAN

Fountain Valley, CA (April 15, 2009) – The Municipal Water District of Orange County’s (MWDOC) Board of Directors voted unanimously today to call for implementation of MWDOC’s Water Supply Allocation Plan. In conjunction with the water supply allocation plan, the MWDOC Board officially declared a regional water shortage. The water supply allocation plan is being implemented at Stage 2 - a ten percent reduction in available imported water supply – and will be effective July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010.

MWDOC’s Board took action as a result of Metropolitan Water District of Southern California’s (Metropolitan) Board of Directors calling for a Stage 2, or ten percent reduction, on Tuesday, April 14th, 2009. For the last three years, Metropolitan has pulled water out of storage to meet regional demands as a result of the below average rainfall and the water supply from the Delta in Northern California being restricted. These restrictions, referred to as a regulatory drought, can cut water to 25 million Californians in southern California by as much as 30-50%. As a result, mandatory conservation is now being required.

“The Family of Orange County Water Agencies is committed to safe and reliable service for our residents and businesses,” said Wayne Clark, MWDOC Board President. “We need to eliminate water waste, use water as efficiently as possible and work together to find a solution to the environmental problems in the Sacramento-Bay Delta that will restore our water supply.”

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ALLOCATION PLAN**

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MWDOC and the Family of Orange County Water Agencies are asking everyone to check with their local water agency for specific water conservation measures that may be in effect. Orange County has a diverse water portfolio and as a result each local water agency is managing the reduced amount of import water appropriately. Imported water comprises more than half of Orange County's total water requirements and 95 percent of south Orange County's potable needs. For information on water saving tips, visit www.mwdoc.com or www.bewaterwise.com.

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