

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Jon Dinges, Director, Resource Management *JWD*
THRU: David Still, Executive Director *AS for*
DATE: January 7, 2010
RE: Cancellation of Water Shortage Advisory, Phase I

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board cancel Water Shortage Order 2008-0003, declaring Water Shortage Advisory, Phase I.

BACKGROUND

Staff has identified the need, based on recently effective water use permitting rules, to rescind the Water Shortage Advisory, Phase I (Advisory). This District-wide Advisory Order was entered on May 8, 2008, and was to remain in effect until the Governing Board deems the Order no longer necessary. The Advisory, based on hydrologic conditions, issued voluntary water restrictions and encouraged conservation measures.

Amended water use permitting rules, effective January 6, 2010, require conservation measures for all users, including homeowners. Staff has determined that these amended rules are more effective than the voluntary restrictions of the Advisory. Additionally, the Advisory and the new rules conflict with one another and may lead to the general public violating the rules, because of reliance on the Advisory.

JD/lgw