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Dear La Cumbre Water Customer,

The La Cumbre Mutual Water Company is informing all Shareholders of our current water supply situation and our new water conservation rebate program.

The Water Company receives State Water from Northern California. Our current allocation for this year is only 5% of normal, which equates to 55-acre feet. One-acre foot is 325,851 gallons of water, or enough water to cover an acre of land (about the size of a football field), one foot deep. An average household uses between one-half and one acre foot of water per year for indoor and outdoor use. We also extract water from local ground water basins which have been declining over the years. These two water supplies are not enough to meet our water demand.

According to the California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), the first six months of the 2021 water year is one of the driest on record, and Governor Newsom has declared a drought emergency in 41 of 58 counties. The La Cumbre Water Company remains in a stage two water emergency and with the summer months here we are requesting voluntary water conservation efforts from our shareholders. Our conservation goal is to reduce consumption by 30% compared to 2013. If we do not see a reduction in water usage, we will be required to curb water usage.

A bit of good news to report, the Board of Directors authorized \$75,000 to fund a water conservation rebate program (on a first come, first served basis) to help reduce water usage. The program offers rebates to customers who upgrade to either: a smart irrigation controller that is tied to a weather station; low-flow toilets; rain sensors; and hot water recirculating pump.

The toilet rebate program is for \$100 per toilet and is limited to three toilets per household. The rebate for the smart irrigation controller and the recirculating pump is \$100 each and the rain sensor will yield a \$50 rebate.

For water saving tips and to find out more information on the limited rebate offers, please go to www.lacumbrewater.com. For all questions or comments please email office@lacumbrewater.com or call 805 967-2376. Thank you for conserving.

Kind regards,



Alex Rodriguez
Board President

Water Conservation Tips:

1. Turn off water while brushing your teeth.
2. Do not wash your car in your driveway.
3. Turn off water while shaving.
4. In the shower, turn off water while lathering.
5. Use our free app to be notified when you have a leak.
6. Only run your dishwasher when it is full.