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TWAIN HARTE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT CALLS FOR 30% MANDATORY WATER CONSERVATION

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TWAIN HARTE, CA: The Twain Harte Community Services District (District) Board voted to shift conservation requirements from 20% voluntary to 30% mandatory at a public hearing held earlier today. The decision comes as a result of record low snowpack, predictions that Pinecrest and Lyons Reservoirs will not fill for the first time in history, an executive order from the Governor mandating 25% statewide conservation and post-1914 water rights curtailments.

“Unfortunately, our water supply is in worse shape than it was last year,” District General Manager Tom Trott explained at the public hearing. “The good news is that system improvements made last year will enable us to require less extreme conservation this year,” Trott said. With the help of grant funding, the District constructed a new well last year that will reduce their reliance on water from Lyons and Pinecrest this summer by about 10%. The District also constructed water recycling improvements and helped customers identify leaks that will save an additional 10% this summer. Plans to begin construction of another grant funded well project in May will even further decrease their reliance on the depleted reservoirs.

The Board’s decision activates the District’s Phase III Mandatory Water Conservation Measures, which limit outdoor watering to two days per week, prohibit home vehicle washing, require customer leak repairs and initiate penalties for excessive use. 2013 water usage will be the baseline to determine if the 30% reduction goal is met.

The Board, Trott and members of the public all commended the Twain Harte community for its unity and resolve when it comes to conservation and protecting the good of the community. Trott stated, “Our community has proven that it is capable of extraordinary efforts. Last year we averaged over 50% conservation throughout the summer. Since the beginning of this year, with only voluntary measures in place, our customers have used 30% less than 2013. We were hoping this would be a better year, but I am confident we can come together again and do what it takes to make sure there is enough water for our health, sanitation and fire safety.”

A complete list of the Phase III Mandatory Conservation Measures are posted on the District’s website: www.twainhartecsd.com