

# PINE VALLEY MUTUAL WATER COMPANY

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Dear Pine Valley Water Customer,

**In the midst of all the turmoil of the past year, we are pleased to announce some great news!**

The State of California has revised Governor Browns Executive Order for mandatory conservation for the entire State. As Pine Valley Water Company's Board and Management have maintained from day one, Governor Brown should never have placed a state wide order that included the restrictions on many of these water agencies, including Pine Valley's, who had no water shortage issues whatsoever.

That order cost utilities across the state millions if not billions of dollars in losses. Pine Valley was one of those utilities that incurred financial losses during 2016. Gov. Browns Executive order, coupled with weather conditions, and the loss of several outside water sales, brought the Company in part to implement the \$30 per billing system charge as our operational reserves were depleted. Despite some local opposition to the Company's stance we maintained our belief that rather than for the sake of political correctness to require conservation it should be this utilities goal to provide **all** the water our customers desire and not place them in the position that lawns, flower beds, plants, and gardens were in danger of dying. This Company's Staff and Board has been under intense pressure from some customers who desire appears to be to fundamentally change our operations and the management of our water resources. We are proud to announce that the State has decided to allow water utilities across the state to do what we do best by returning, into our hands, the ability to make those decisions on a local level. We are proud that we were one of the first water agencies to speak out against the inequality of Governor Browns' Executive Order, in that it unfairly penalized utilities like Pine Valley's for preparing themselves with more than adequate water sources and ignoring that fact.

Moving forward, it now appears the State is in agreement with Pine Valley Water's position and the 25% mandatory conservation requirement is released. As has been our goal from the start, please feel free to utilize our water to improve your properties as you see fit. We are hopeful that **if** water use by our customers and the utilization of outside water sales returns to normal levels that the "system charge" may possibly be removed ahead of schedule. **After all, wouldn't you rather invest that \$30 in additional water for your plants and trees rather than to just provide it to this Company as a result of declining water use that was affected by State Mandates?**

As in the past 30 years or so, Pine Valley Mutual Water Company, anticipates a normal water supply to be available for this peak season and will not be pursuing any water use restrictions of our own doing.

If you happen to see the Company Board of Directors and or Staff make sure you let them know your appreciation for the great job in not only managing the Company but our water sources as well.

Board of Directors and Staff of PVMWC