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Annual State Water Maintenance Shutdown

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The State Water project is the primary source of drinking water for the City of Morro Bay. Each year the State Water project shuts down for maintenance of various systems and facilities. This year the shutdown will run from November 1st through November 26th.

Other than an Emergency Exchange Agreement with the California Men's Colony, the only viable water source the City has during the State Water shutdown is the local groundwater wells from the Morro Valley. Due to the levels of nitrates in this aquifer this water must be treated and blended prior to the distribution to the residents. The City's Desalination plant has Brackish Water Reverse Osmosis (BWRO) treatment units that will be used to treat this well water during the annual shutdown, removing the nitrates from the water. The treated water will be blended with untreated well water, disinfected then distributed to the City's water customers. The water distributed will meet all treatment and drinking water standards.

Because the State Water project is our primary source of water, the maintenance shutdown is a difficult water supply period for the City. Therefore during this time the City would like your continued help in conserving water. Please limit the amount of water used around the house, do not hose down paved surfaces, and run automatic irrigation sprinklers on an "as needed" basis. If irrigation is needed please only water between midnight and 9:00 a.m. to minimize evaporative losses.

Rest assured that the City of Morro Bay is committed to providing safe high quality drinking water for all of its residents.

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