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Calleguas Declares a State of Emergency Regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Water supply is safe and uninterrupted - District offices to close to the public

On Wednesday, March 18, in response to the latest developments concerning the outbreak of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), including the declaration of a local health emergency by Ventura County Public Health, Calleguas Municipal Water District adopted a resolution declaring a state of emergency regarding COVID-19. This action allows Calleguas to quickly make changes and enhance the ability to provide essential operations in ways that support the health and safety of its workforce.

“As we face current pandemic conditions, Calleguas takes this threat seriously,” stated General Manager Anthony Goff. “Our pandemic response continues to build on increasing our resilience as an organization to protect the continuity of safe and reliable water service.”

Residents can rest assured that tap water remains safe to drink and there are no water supply interruptions. Beyond the supply of water recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for emergency preparedness kits (1 gallon per person per day for 3 days), customers do not need to stockpile bottled water.

Out of an abundance of caution and adhering to public health recommendations, Calleguas is taking the following actions to reinforce the health and safety of its employees, guests, Board Members, and the communities it serves:

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- **Effective at 8 a.m. on March 19, District offices will be closed to the public until further notice.** Local residents and interested members of the public may continue to contact Calleguas through email at info@calleguas.com or by phone at (805) 526-9323.
- **Expanded telecommuting for District employees.** Remote access to designated, non-emergency personnel has been deployed and remaining staff will be divided between Calleguas headquarters and work from home arrangements.
- **Segregation of field staff into interdisciplinary teams that do not co-mingle.** Operations and maintenance staff have been divided into four interdisciplinary working units that are based out of four separate locations.
- **All public tours, classes, and workshops scheduled over the next months are canceled.** All upcoming classes, workshops, and events that invite the public into the District's facilities will be canceled. This measure is taken to limit the exposure of drinking water facilities.

“We are responding to a dynamic and rapidly evolving pandemic situation,” said Thomas Slosson, President of the Calleguas Board of Directors. “It is essential that district operations carry on and the implementation of these protective measures reflects our priority in providing water service without interruption.”

Updates will be made available under the Calleguas MWD Facebook page: www.facebook.com/CalleguasMWD, Twitter feed: www.twitter.com/CalleguasMWD, by phone at 805-579-7185, and by email at: info@calleguas.com.

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Calleguas is one of twenty-six member agencies of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California providing water service to three quarters of Ventura County's population. Through 19 retail water agencies, Calleguas provides water to the cities of Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, Moorpark, Camarillo, Oxnard, Port Hueneme and surrounding unincorporated areas including Oak Park, Santa Rosa Valley, Las Posas Valley, Somis, and Naval Base Ventura County.