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City Reminds Residents to Refrain from Irrigating During Wet Weather

February 27, 2019...San Clemente, California... . Following an exceptionally rainy start to 2019, with additional precipitation forecasted for this weekend, the City of San Clemente is reminding residents to turn off their sprinkler systems before rainfall, and to also wait for soils dry out before turning them back on.

“We are encouraging residents and business owners to practice efficient water use habits, which includes turning off their outdoor sprinkler systems when it rains,” said David Rebensdorf, Director for the San Clemente Utilities Department. “Another option is to take advantage of the City’s smart timer rebate program, and install one of many new irrigation controllers which turn off sprinklers automatically during measurable rainfall.”

Following periods of significant rainfall, residents are also advised to use a soil moisture sensor, or simply their fingers, to check for soil dryness to confirm their landscapes need to resume irrigation. When turning sprinklers back on, residents may also want to take a couple minutes to monitor the operation of their irrigation systems, check for broken or misaligned sprinkler heads, and make run time adjustments as necessary. The City’s Water

Conservation Analyst, Niki Beach, is available to help residents who need assistance auditing or adjusting their irrigation systems, and can be reached at (949) 361-8354.

For more information about water conservation in general, including rebates for weather-based irrigation controllers, please visit the City's website at <http://www.san-clemente.org/water-conservation>.

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