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On March 25, 2003, the Modesto City Council adopted Stage I restrictions of the Drought Contingency Plan.

This water shortage plan was prepared to address current water capacity issues, including enacting measures to reduce water

consumption. Last summer, water pressures dipped below city and state water system standards. By enacting this aggressive program to reduce demands, together we can ensure that system pressures do not deteriorate further this summer.

Water Restrictions

The following Stage I restrictions of the Drought Contingency Plan took effect on May 1, 2003:

- Outdoor water use prohibited daily between 12:00PM and 7:00PM.
- Odd-numbered addresses water on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.
- Even-numbered addresses water on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
- No outdoor water use on Mondays.
- Car washing is subject to previous limitations with use of a positive shut-off nozzle.
- Hosing concrete areas, building exteriors, etc. may be done with city-issued permit (571-5103) and only with a positive shut-off nozzle.
- Water leaks, once identified, must be repaired within 24 hours.
- Restaurants are encouraged to serve water only on request.

Violations/Penalties

Violations of the water use restrictions can result in penalties being added to your City of Modesto water/sewer bill.

However, before any penalty would be added to your bill, you would be given the right to appeal the penalty.

Penalties for water use violations are as follows:

- 1st Violation: Water user will receive Notice of Violation.
- 2nd Violation: Water user will receive Notice of Intention to Impose a Penalty, and \$50 will be added to the next utility billing.
- 3rd Violation: Water user will receive Notice of Intention to Impose a Penalty, and \$200 will be added to the next utility billing. A water meter may also be installed.
- Subsequent Violations: Water user will receive Notice of Intention to Impose a Penalty, and \$250 will be added to the next utility billing. A water meter may also be installed.

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City Pride—City Wide brought to you by the Modesto City Council: Mayor Carmen Sabatino, Vice Mayor Bruce Frohman, Councilmember Bill Conrad, Councilmember Tim Fisher, Councilmember Denny Jackman, Councilmember Janice Keating and Councilmember Will O'Bryant.

THROUGH THE EYES OF OUR STUDENT REPORTER

VIPS Help Keep Modesto Safe & Pleasant

What do you think of when you hear the term VIP? Most likely if you are a sports fan like I am, you think of the term "Very Important Player." Of course, my parents have always thought it meant Very Important Person.



David Paladini

Anyway, here in Modesto we have a group of people who are also very important. They are

Volunteers

in Police Services (VIPS).

Recently, I had the opportunity to speak with one of these people who have given up a little of their personal time to help keep our city safe and pleasant.

Mr. William Keene, 78, of Modesto, is part of this Police-Civilian partnership. He explained that the job of the VIPS is to be eyes and ears for the Modesto Police Department. They help in many different ways.

The VIPS are men and

women who work behind the scenes and play an important role in the law enforcement of our city. VIPS are everyday citizens, ranging in age from 18 to 118, who have volunteered their time to help keep Modesto's neighborhoods a little safer and the crime rate a little lower.

So what exactly do VIPS do? Mr. Keene explained to me that when the VIPS go out on a "patrol," they walk around the neighborhoods and parks and talk to the people that live in the areas. They ask the people they meet if they have noticed anything suspicious or dangerous, or anything that just needs a little attention in the area around their homes. The VIPS also attend city activities, such as Earth Day or the International Festival down at Graceada Park. Their job when they are at these festivals is to serve the people of Modesto in whatever way they can.

VIPS wear a volunteer police uniform and carry an official badge with the Modesto Police Department

insignia. They are requested to put in about 16 hours per month on the job. Sometimes a person can make the quota and sometimes they can't. Then there are others who help fill in, so it all evens out as they work together.

Once a month the volunteers go to meetings at the Northeast Area Command Center for the Modesto Police Department. Each meeting consists of one hour of strictly business and an hour of training. They are trained in what to do in a given situation and taught how to be prepared to see and hear anything that goes on around them. Mr. Keene explained that they are told not to go looking for trouble, but to be ready to give a full-scale report on any trouble that they see, hear or come in contact with.

The VIPS program started in 1994. The intent of starting the program was to free up police officers so that they would be able to do more complex field work.

Currently there are about 36 VIPS. The Modesto Police Department is hoping to soon have approximately 100 VIPS to more efficiently



Bill Keene shows off his Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS) uniform.

cover Modesto. Mr. Keene said, "Everyone is in need of more manpower and womanpower in police services."

If you would like to be a part of the VIPS program, or if you want more information, then you can call or stop by any of the area command centers or the police station downtown.

Many times a day, I look around at everything I have and say to myself, "I love my life and I love living in Modesto."

When I see the beauty around me and the further potential of our city, I realize a lot of that beauty is because of the "Very Important People" in our city.





Available at these local nurseries:

Scenic Nursery
1313 Scenic Drive
Westurf
1612 Claus Road

Buy one regular priced flat of flowers and get one bag of Mo-Gro Magic FREE or Buy 2 bags at regular price and receive third bag FREE
MUST PRESENT COUPON AT TIME OF PURCHASE
LIMIT 2 FLATS - BAGS PER COUPON OFFER EXPIRES 6/15/2003

MTBE Fuel Ban Continues at Modesto Reservoir



Modesto Reservoir provides a large portion of the drinking water for Modesto area residents. For the last three years, only MTBE-Free fuel has been allowed at Modesto Reservoir. This policy is part of Stanislaus County's plan to reduce Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE) at the Modesto Reservoir.

- Visitors are not allowed to enter the park with their own gas containers.
- Owners of jet skis and boats with standard two-stroke carbureted engines must enter the park with empty fuel tanks and fuel up at the marina or loading dock at the reservoir.
- As an alternative to fueling up at the reservoir, you may fuel up at C.L. Bryant's Union 76 Station in Waterford, where you will receive a validated tag indicating you have fueled up with MTBE-Free fuel.

MTBE is a fuel oxygenate that was added to gasoline to improve fuel air quality.

MTBE has now been determined to be ineffective in reducing air pollution and potentially harmful to human health.

MTBE travels rapidly from any spill to contaminate drinking water sources. It was scheduled to be banned in California by December 2002, but Governor Davis delayed that action for an additional 12 months to reduce the impact of the ban on fuel prices.

During the past three years, City of Modesto and Stanislaus County officials have worked together to reduce the impact of MTBE on the quality of our drinking water at Modesto Reservoir. Thanks to the cooperation of the boating community, the efforts of the city and county have been successful. There has not been any MTBE contamination in our drinking water.

This year we will continue the same policies and look forward to the same success. Thank you all for making the effort to preserve the quality of our drinking water!



Get Active this Summer!
June is a great month

to register for summer recreation classes and camps, enjoy the 8th Annual Senior Citizens Prom, visit a free Neighborhood Park Program, book a Parties Etc. activity, join us for free Movies at Mancini and more.

For details, pick up your copy of the City of Modesto Parks, Recreation and Neighborhoods Department Summer 2003 Activity Guide at Tenth Street Place, 1010 Tenth Street, #4400; City Hall at the Mall, lower level near J.C. Penney; King-Kennedy Memorial Center, 601 N. Martin Luther King Drive; Senior Citizens Center, 211 Bodem Street; Maddux Youth Center, 615 Sierra Drive; Modesto Convention & Visitors Bureau, 1150 9th Street, Suite C; Modesto Chamber of Commerce, 1114 J. Street; or any Stanislaus County library.



City Offers Bulky Item Collection

City of Modesto residents with two-can garbage service are allowed two bulky item appointments per calendar year to dispose of large items, such as appliances, furniture, bicycles and mattresses. For appointments, call your garbage company.

To report bulky item piles in the street in front of a home for more than two days, call the Solid Waste Office at 577-5494.



Modesto Named Tree City USA
The National

Arbor Day Foundation has named the City of Modesto a Tree City USA. This year marks the 23rd year Modesto has received this national recognition.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by The National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

GOT TIRES?

Free tire collection event
for City of Modesto residents ONLY.
No businesses or dealers allowed.
Proof of residency is required.

Date: Saturday, June 28, 2003
Place: Johansen High School Parking Lot, 641 Norseman Dr.
Time: 8-11AM OR until two collection trailers are filled.
NO EXCEPTIONS.

Limits: Eight (8) tires per coupon—no size limit.
One (1) coupon per household.
Tires with or without rims—OK
Eight (8) tires per vehicle.
Limits will be strictly enforced.

City of Modesto Solid Waste Office 577-5494
Funded by the California Integrated Waste Management Board



City Water Quality Control Plant Receives Award

Modesto's Water Quality Control Plant has placed second in the Annual California Water Environment Association (CWEA) competition.

Each year, different sections of CWEA nominate their respective sectional winners for California State Wastewater Treatment Plant of the Year.

As winner of Large Plant of the Year for 2002 (greater than ten million gallons per day), Modesto was nominated for the state award by the Northern San Joaquin Section of CWEA.

In order to compete at the state level, the plant was visited by an assessment panel who did an extensive review of the facilities.

The City of Modesto received the award at the annual conference awards banquet on April 25 in Ontario, California.

Great American Cleanup a Huge Success

The City of Modesto would like to thank all the individuals and groups that turned out for the April 26 cleanup day. Several tons of roadside trash were removed. We're also on the way with our street adoption program with 14 areas adopted for monthly litter removal. For more information, call 342-2282.

City Releases 2002-2003 Annual Report to Citizens of Modesto



The City of Modesto has released its 2002-2003 Annual Report to the Citizens of Modesto.

This year's report focuses on "Modesto...Building Community Through Partnerships." It includes information on awards won by Modesto this past year, Modesto Police Department community involvement, Modesto Fire Department training and education



efforts, development of parks and trails, new or remodeled facilities, recreation programs, code enforcement programs, community beautification efforts, transportation updates, economic and community development updates, technology updates, personnel recruitment, Village One priorities, and how the city uses your tax dollars.

Copies of the report are available at the following locations: Tenth Street Place, 1010 Tenth Street; City Hall at the Mall, Lower Level near JC Penney; Stanislaus County libraries; Modesto Chamber of Commerce, 1114 J Street; Modesto Convention and Visitors Bureau, 1150 Ninth Street, Suite C; King-Kennedy Memorial Center, 601 N. Martin Luther King Drive; Maddux Youth Center, 615 Sierra Drive; Senior Citizens Center, 211 Bodem Street; McHenry Mansion, 906 15th Street; McHenry Museum, 1402 I Street; and Modesto Centre Plaza, 1000 L Street.

To receive a copy by mail, contact the City Manager's Office at 577-5223 or email: ewright@modestogov.com.

The Annual Report can also be viewed on the city's website at: www.modestogov.com.

2003 Garden Refuse Schedule

Streets	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	Fri. 5/2	Fri. 5/30	Fri. 7/4	Fri. 8/1	Fri. 8/29	Fri. 10/3	Fri. 10/31	LEAVES ONLY! Garden refuse resumes January '04
	Sa. 5/3	Sa. 5/31	Sa. 7/5	Sa. 8/2	Sa. 8/30	Sa. 10/4	Sa. 11/1	
	Su. 5/4	Su. 6/1	Su. 7/6	Su. 8/3	Su. 8/31	Su. 10/5	Su. 11/2	
Alleys	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	Fri. 5/16	Fri. 6/13	Fri. 7/18	Fri. 8/15	Fri. 9/12	Fri. 10/17	Fri. 11/14	LEAVES ONLY! Garden refuse resumes January '04
	Sa. 5/17	Sa. 6/14	Sa. 7/19	Sa. 8/16	Sa. 9/13	Sa. 10/18	Sa. 11/15	
	Su. 5/18	Su. 6/15	Su. 7/20	Su. 8/17	Su. 9/14	Su. 10/19	Su. 11/16	