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# Water Used For Clean-Up Approved In Scotts Valley

For the next 30 days Scotts Valley Water District customers will be able to use water outdoors to clean up the dirt left over from last week's storm.

SV Water District directors Thursday night unanimously agreed to lift the conservation ordinance for the next 30 days.

Under the conservation ordinance, customers aren't allowed to use water outdoors for cleaning purposes.

But being that many driveways, garages and patios are caked with mud left over from last week's storm, the board decided to waive the regulations for

the time being, District Manager John McGuire explained.

The lifting of the ordinance also means that customers aren't restricted to certain times on certain days of the week to do their landscape watering.

However, McGuire pointed out the district still has ordinances forbidding the wasting of water.

So, when customers wash their cars, they still are encouraged to use automatic shut-off devices on their hoses and are asked not to let hoses run while the car is being scrubbed, McGuire said.

The SV Water District now is back in full service, he added, with all district customers receiving water.

In other matters, directors unanimously approved a resolution setting priorities for water use from new sources.

The district soon will be getting two new water sources into its system on a permanent basis, the Businessmen's Well located on Mount Hermon Road and the Plum Valley Well proposed for a site off Geyer Road.

When water from these and other new sources comes onto the system, it will be distributed in the following priority order: emergency reserves (10 percent of the safe yield from each new source), public safety (particularly firefighting reserves), restore full and normal supply to existing customers and (fourth) for new services.

Property owners who supply a new service to the district upon developing their properties can be given a higher priority for connections under the new resolution.