



TEA FIRE INCIDENT NEWS RELEASE (FINAL)

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Montecito Water District is providing a final report on the status of reservoir water storage levels since the outbreak of the Tea fire. Our last report issued at 7:45 a.m., Saturday morning indicated that water storage reservoir levels serving the fire area had increased to about 37%. As of the time and date this final press release, the District is notifying the community and governmental agencies that all reservoirs in the fire area have been restored to normal operating levels. Voluntary restrictions on water use have been lifted; however, the District is asking the community to use water wisely as clean up operations are continuing in the burn area.

Montecito Water District is also notifying customers that certain properties on East Mountain and West Mountain Drive, west of Cold Springs Road did experience a low pressure condition due to the low reservoir water levels and ask that you flush your service lines if you notice any discoloration. The District has also taken the precautionary measure of temporarily increasing disinfection residuals and there may be a slight chlorine odor to the water. A water quality notice related to the fire has been posted on the District's website at www.montecitowater.com.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The District is notifying those residents that experienced significant fire damage to their properties that their water meters were turned off by the District to avoid water loss. Approximately 54 water meters were turned off due to damage to customer service lines caused by the fire. Those customers will need to contact the District at 969-2271 to have water service restored to their property.

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