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From: Commanding General

To: All Hands

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The Combat Center is the Marine Corps' premier training installation, providing Marines with a unique environment to conduct combined arms training and enhance their combat readiness. The Combat Center is home to over 19,000 Marines, Sailors, and their family members. To sustain training and daily operations in this harsh and austere desert environment, the Combat Center relies exclusively on an underground aquifer for all of our water requirements. Every day we utilize or consume almost 2 million gallons of water, while living in a State facing an unprecedented drought which has imposed mandatory water restrictions and stringent conservation strategies.

I am committed to the continued conservation and sustainability of our water resources. Water conservation, using water efficiently and avoiding waste, is absolutely fundamental to ensuring water availability for the Combat Center's future. I charge all leaders aboard the installation to take an active role in this important program. Our Marines, Sailors, civilians, and family members are ultimately responsible for its success.

My Water Conservation Task Force (WCTF) shall continue to lead efforts that ensure the conservation and preservation of our water resources. The WCTF shall achieve these goals by evaluating current and projected water use, assessing infrastructure, operations and management practices, implementing relevant conservation technologies and methods, and educating all members aboard the Combat Center. Every effort shall be made to reduce potable water use for non-potable purposes.

This effort is a community-wide effort. The following water-saving measures are easy steps that shall be adopted by everyone at the Combat Center:

- Do not directly apply water to road ways, sidewalks, or parking lots for washing.
- Do not water outdoor landscapes that cause runoff to adjacent property, sidewalks, roadways, parking lots or structures.
- Use a hose that is fitted with an automatic shut-off nozzle.
- Do not use potable water for fountains or decorative water features.

As the Combat Center continues to establish it's self as the installation model for water conservation within the Department of Defense, we need to continue working together as a team to improve our water conservation efforts and prevent wasting water aboard this installation. Conservation is critical in order to sustain our limited water resources and meet our future requirements.


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