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### **MEDIA ADVISORY**

#### **Marin Water considers additional water restrictions to address drought**

With historically low reservoir levels and worsening drought conditions, Marin Water's board of directors will consider further water restrictions that would limit irrigation and require covers for recreational pools and spas.

The board will consider a proposal restricting spray irrigation to no more than two days a week, and drip irrigation limits of no more than three days a week. The proposal also requires covers for recreational pools and spas. The district typically sees water demand double during the summer, which is largely due to irrigation.

The board will vote on the proposal during its virtual board meeting Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. The public can attend the meeting using the Zoom link available on the district's website at [MarinWater.org](http://MarinWater.org). Comments can also be emailed to [BoardComment@MarinWater.org](mailto:BoardComment@MarinWater.org).

The board declared a water shortage emergency on April 20 and adopted several water use restrictions. Those restrictions prohibit washing vehicles at home, power washing homes and businesses, and flooding gutters. Watering grass on public medians and using potable water for dust control, sewer flushing and street cleaning is also prohibited. Golf courses will be restricted to watering tees and greens, effective May 20. Information on the water use restrictions is available at [MarinWater.org/WaterRules](http://MarinWater.org/WaterRules).

Marin Water's reservoir storage capacity is currently at about 50 percent—the lowest level in nearly 40 years. Storage levels for this time of year are typically more than 90 percent. The water district serves more than 191,000 people in southern and central Marin.

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