



Repeal of Irrigation Drought Restrictions

February 15, 2022



Overview

- Review of Irrigation Restrictions Enacted During the Drought
- Current Drought Restrictions
- Normal Year Water Waste Prohibitions
- Statewide Drought Emergency Declaration
- Recommendation
- Next Steps

Irrigation Restrictions Enacted During the Drought

- Winter Irrigation Prohibition (Ord No. 455 - October 19, 2021)
 - Prohibit overhead sprinkler and drip irrigation systems Dec 1- May 31st;
 - Continue to discourage new plantings by customers
- Limit irrigation to 1 day/week (Ord No. 452 – July 6, 2021)
 - Overhead spray irrigation limited to 1 day, assigned by the district
 - Drip limited to 2 days/week, assigned by the district
- Limit irrigation to 2 days/week (Ord No. 450 – May 4, 2021)
 - Overhead spray limited to 2 day/week
 - Drip irrigation limited to 3 days/week

Additional Drought Restrictions

- a. Pool Filling Prohibition (October 19, 2021)
- b. Landscape Installation Restrictions for New Connections (July 20, 2021)
- c. Golf course irrigation restricted to greens and tees (May 20, 2021)
- d. Prohibition on washing of vehicles (April 20, 2021)
- e. Pool covers are required for all swimming pools (April 20, 2021)
- f. Refilling or adding make-up water to decorative fountains or pools (April 20, 2021)
- g. Use of potable water for dust control, compaction, street cleaning, sewer flushing, or any other use that can be met with tertiary recycled water (April 20, 2021)
- h. Prohibition on power washing of buildings/ homes (April 20, 2021)

Current Drought Restrictions included in Normal Year* Water Waste Prohibitions

Irrigation Prohibitions

- Between the hours of 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM
- Public street medians with turf
- Run off, overspray & gutter flooding
- Within 48 hours of rainfall
- Using a garden hose without a shut-off nozzle
- Ornamental landscapes or turf more than three days per week

*Normal Year: Ongoing water conservation program designed to maximize the water supply during periods of relatively normal rainfall



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Hospitality

- Linen and towel service only daily upon request
- Drinking water served upon request only

Leak Repair

- Customer shall repair leaks in a timely manner



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Statewide Drought Emergency Declaration

Statewide 15% voluntary conservation request includes the following emergency regulations became effective January 18, 2022:

- Filling or topping-off of non-recirculating decorative water fountains
- Washing of sidewalks, driveways, buildings, structures, patios, parking lots, or other hard surfaced areas with potable water
- Use of potable water for construction site preparation or street cleaning
- Runoff such that water flows onto adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, parking lots, or structures
- Using a garden hose without a shut-off nozzle
- Irrigation within 48 hours of rainfall
- Irrigation of public street medians with turf

Recommendation

Adopt proposed Ordinance No. 458 to repeal the prohibition on operating outdoor sprinkler irrigation systems during winter months, and reinstating the three days per week 'Normal Year' rule on irrigation

Next Steps

- Conservation incentive programs & new long-term water efficiency programs building from drought response engagement
 - Continue to build upon water use awareness
 - Increase education and resources to ensure long term water savings from converted landscapes
 - Continued direct engagement with community
- Recognize the State Emergency Drought Regulations apply to the service area
- Water Supply Resiliency Policy
- Board consider repealing remaining drought prohibitions and drought emergency declaration