
SOUTH COAST WATER DISTRICT
ORDINANCE NO. 206

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF SOUTH COAST WATER DISTRICT ESTABLISHING A
WATER CONSERVATION & WATER SUPPLY SHORTAGE PROGRAM
FOR USERS OF POTABLE WATER PROVIDED BY THE DISTRICT**

Section I. Title

South Coast Water District Water Conservation & Water Supply Shortage Ordinance (“Ordinance”)

Section II. Findings

1. **A reliable minimum supply of potable water is essential** to the public health, safety and welfare of the people and economy of Southern California.
2. **Southern California is a semi-arid region, largely dependent on imported water** supplies from Northern California and the Colorado River. Population growth, drought, climate change, environmental concerns, government policy changes, restrictions on pumping and other factors in our region, in other parts of the State and in the western U.S. make Southern California highly-susceptible to water supply reliability issues.
3. **Careful water management requires active conservation measures** not only in times of drought but at all times. It is essential to ensure a reliable minimum supply of water to meet current and future water supply needs.
4. **California Constitution Article X, Section 2** declares for the general welfare:
 - a. Water resources be put to beneficial use
 - b. Prevention of water waste and unreasonable water use or methods of water use
 - c. Full exercise of water conservation with a view to reasonable and beneficial water use