

Section VIII: Level 2 Water Shortage – Water Supply Warning

Declaration of a Level 2 Water Supply Warning may be considered when the District experiences up to a 40% shortage in imported water supplies and/or determines the need to further reduce consumer usage by up to 40%.

1. **Level 2 Water Supply Warning**

- a. A Level 2 Water Supply Warning exists when the District Board of Directors, at its sole discretion, determines that a further reduction in consumer usage is necessary to make more efficient use of limited water and appropriately respond to water conditions.
  - b. The type of event that **may** prompt the Board to declare a Level 2 Water Supply Warning could include, among other factors, a finding that its **wholesale water provider allocated no more than 60%** of the District's base water supply.
2. The following **mandatory water conservation measures remain in effect** during a Level 2 Water Supply Warning:
- a. Permanent Water Conservation Measures identified in Section VI
  - b. Level 1 Water Conservation Measures identified in Section VII
3. The following **water conservation measures will take effect** upon declaration of a Level 2 Water Supply Warning and apply for the duration of the water shortage:
- a. **Additional Limits on Watering Days**
    1. No more than **two (2) days per week from April – October**
    2. No more than **one (1) day per week from November – March.**
      - a. This applies to lawns, landscaping and vegetated areas.
      - b. The week includes weekdays and weekends, seven (7) days.
      - c. The District will establish/post the new watering schedules.
  3. The following are **exempt** from these restrictions:
    - a. Watering with a hand-held bucket or similar container
    - b. Watering with a hand-held hose equipped with a positive self-closing nozzle
    - c. Irrigation systems that exclusively use very low-flow drip-type systems where emitters discharge no more than two (2) gallons of water per hour.

- b. **Shorter Timeframe to Fix Leaks, Breaks or Malfunctions** in water users' pipelines, fixtures or facilities.
  - 1. **Excessive use**, loss or escape of water through breaks, leaks or other malfunctions in the water user's plumbing, distribution or irrigation system:
    - a. Is prohibited for any period of time after such water waste should have reasonably been discovered and corrected
    - b. Must be corrected in **no more than two (2) business days of District notification** – unless other arrangements are made with the District
  - 2. Turning off an irrigation system during repairs constitutes a fix.
  - 3. If water is being actively discharged and the owner cannot be contacted, the District may perform a temporary shut down.
- c. **No Filling or Refilling Ornamental Lakes and Ponds**
  - 1. Filling or refilling ornamental lakes and ponds is prohibited.
  - 2. **Exempt** are ornamental lakes and ponds that sustain aquatic life -- provided such life is of significant value and was actively managed in the water feature prior to declaring the shortage.
- d. **No Filling or Refilling Residential Pools or Spas**
  - 1. Filling residential swimming pools or outdoor spas is prohibited.
  - 2. The operational water level in a pool or spa may be maintained by re-filling it once a month with no more than one (1) foot of water.
  - 3. **Exempt** are individuals who, due to health reasons or medical conditions and upon notice to the District, find it necessary to fill or refill their pools or spas.
- e. **No Hosing or Washing Down Vehicles:** It is **prohibited** to use water to hose or wash down a motorized or non-motorized vehicle, including but not limited to automobiles, trucks, vans, buses, motorcycles, boats or trailers.
  - 1. The only **exemptions** from this Level 2 restriction are:
    - a. Washing vehicles at a commercial car washing facility that recycles its wash water
    - b. Washing vehicles using a commercial mobile detailer that uses its own source of water

2. Note: For local requirements regarding proper containment of water in the street, refer to local municipal codes.

f. **Golf Courses Required to Irrigate with Recycled Water**

1. If the District determines that it is a cost-effective alternative
2. If the customer is given a reasonable amount of time to make the conversion, as determined by the District Manager.

g. **Other Prohibited Uses:** The District may implement other prohibited water uses as deemed necessary, following notification of customers.

h. **During Level 1, Level 2 and/or Level 3** water supply conditions, the Board of Directors, at its sole discretion and by written request, may implement **Water Conservation Plans for High Water Users**. (See Section VII.3.c.1 for description).

i. **During Level 2 and/or Level 3** water supply conditions, the Board of Directors, at its sole discretion, may implement one or more of the following additional conservation requirements:

1. **Water Allocation or Budget Program**

- a. The District Board of Directors, at its sole discretion, may establish water allocations or water budgets for properties served by the District starting with a Level 2 Water Supply Warning -- using a method that does not penalize persons for either the implementation of the conservation method or installation of water-saving devices.
- b. Following the effective date of a water allocation or budget program, any person using water in excess of the allocation or budget will be subject to a penalty as determined by the District rate schedule.
- c. The penalty for excess water use will be cumulative to any other remedy or penalty imposed for violation of this Ordinance.

2. **Increased Water Usage Rates:** The District Board of Directors, at its sole discretion, may increase water usage rates, other than single-family residential Tier 1 rates, by an amount deemed necessary, as determined by the District's rate schedule.

3. **Percentage Water-Use Reduction for Commercial Customers:** The District Board of Directors, at its sole discretion, may require commercial customers to reduce water use by a certain percentage, as determined by the District.