



May 10, 2022

To: The Board of Directors

From: James Prior

Subject: Executive Order N-7-22 and Stage 2 Water Supply Shortage Level

On March 28, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-7-22 in response to the continuing drought conditions throughout California. The Executive Order follows the four prior executive orders issued in 2021 on drought issues.

The Executive Order does not specify immediate requirements on water suppliers, but instead directs the State Water Resources Control Board to consider adopting regulations by May 25, 2022, that would require the following.

Urban water suppliers must submit a preliminary annual water supply and demand assessment to the Department of Water Resources by June 1, 2022. The final assessment remains due on July 1, 2022.

Urban water suppliers must activate their Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) level 2 requirements.

CEQA requirements for projects to implement WSCP level 2 requirements are suspended.

The State Water Board shall consider defining non-functional turf and banning the irrigation of non-functional turf for commercial, industrial, and institutional properties.

Recommendation:

It is staff's recommendation that the Board move to Stage 2 of the District's water contingency plan in the District's Administration Code.

See attachment:

**Stage 2 Water Supply Shortage Level**

When the Board of Directors declares a Stage 2 Water Emergency, due to drought, a water supply shortage, or a threatened water shortage exists, a 20 percent reduction in water will be required to lower the overall water demand. Percentages will be determined by action of the Board of Directors. SGCWD shall notify all users of SGCWD drinking water by mail that the following conservation rules are to be implemented immediately:

1. There shall be no washing down of sidewalks, walkways, buildings, walls, patios, driveways, parking areas or other surfaces except to eliminate dangerous conditions or to eliminate a public health and/or a safety hazard.
2. The washing of any motor vehicle(s) or equipment shall be done only with a hand-held nozzle that shuts off or may be done at a carwash that uses recycled water.
3. No water shall be used to clean, fill or maintain levels in decorative fountains, ponds, lakes or other similar structures of aesthetic value unless such water is part of a recirculating water system.
4. No filling, draining or refilling of pools or fountains of any kind. Adding makeup water to swimming pools or spas is permitted.
5. No public place where food is sold shall serve drinking water to any customer unless specifically requested by said customer.
6. All water users shall repair all leaks from indoor and outdoor plumbing and fixtures within seventy-two (72) hours after written notification by SGCWD unless arrangements are made with SGCWD.
7. All watering outdoors for the purposes of irrigating landscape, lawns, etc., shall be limited to no more than two (2) days per week. Watering days shall be as follows: addresses ending in even numbers shall water on Monday and Thursday and addresses ending in odd numbers shall water on Tuesday and Friday between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.

8. No water users shall cause or allow irrigation water to runoff landscaped areas into or onto adjoining sidewalks, streets or other paved areas due to incorrectly directed or improperly maintained sprinklers, or excessive watering.
9. Application of potable water to outdoor landscapes during and within 48 hours after measurable rainfall is prohibited.
10. Hotel and motels must provide guests with the option of not having towels and linens laundered daily, and shall post a notice stating so in each guestroom in clear and understandable language.
11. Irrigation with potable water of ornamental turf on public street medians are prohibited