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CITY MANAGER

**DECLARATION OF WATER SHORTAGE STAGE 2 IN THE CITY OF FRESNO
June 10, 2022**

**TO COMPLY WITH STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-0018: EMERGENCY REGULATION TO REDUCE WATER
DEMAND AND IMPROVE WATER CONSERVATION**

On March 28, 2022, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-7-22 directing the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to consider adopting emergency regulations to increase water conservation.

In response to the Governor's Executive Order, the SWRCB adopted Resolution No. 2022-0018, adopting emergency regulations requiring all urban water suppliers to perform and submit to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) a preliminary water supply and demand assessment no later than June 1, 2022, and to implement all demand reduction actions in the supplier's water shortage contingency plan for a shortage level of 10% to 20% (Stage 2) by June 10, 2022.

In addition, SWRCB Resolution No. 2022-0018, prohibits the use of potable water for the irrigation of non-functional turf at commercial, industrial, and institutional sites, as defined in Water Code section 10608.12(e),(i), and (j).

- a. "Non-functional turf" means turf that is solely ornamental and not regularly used for human recreational purposes or for civic or community events. Non-functional turf does not include sports fields and turf that is regularly used for human recreational purposes or for civic or community events.
- b. The use of potable water is not prohibited to the extent necessary to ensure the health of trees and other perennial non-turf plantings or to the extent necessary to address an immediate health and safety need.
- c. An urban water supplier may approve a request for continued irrigation of non-functional turf where the user certifies that the turf is a low water use plant with a plant factor of 0.3 or less, and demonstrates the actual use is less than 40% of reference evapotranspiration.


The City of Fresno has performed a preliminary annual water supply and demand assessment consistent with section 10632.1 of the Water Code. This preliminary

assessment was completed and submitted to the DWR by the deadline date of June 1, 2022. The findings of the preliminary assessment are unconstrained water demands are projected to exceed current available water supplies by approximately 15%.

As the City Manager, authorized pursuant to Resolution 2021-197 adopting the City of Fresno Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP), an appendix to the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP), which was adopted by the Fresno City Council via Resolution No. 2021-196 on July 15, 2021, I do hereby declare:

1. In acknowledgement of the Governor's Executive Order N-7-22, SWRCB Resolution No. 2022-0018, and the preliminary water supply and demand assessment, the City of Fresno is in a Stage 2 Water Supply Shortage.
2. The City of Fresno shall implement Stage 2 demand reduction actions, as prescribed by the WSCP, to reduce water use demands 10% to 20%.
3. The City of Fresno's WSCP Stage 2 specific demand reduction actions include:
 - a. Decrease Line Flushing – For dead-end flushing where the NO-DES truck cannot be used, reduce normal flushing time.
 - b. Increase Water Waste Patrols – Increase monitoring of Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) reporting and communication with customers; Conduct patrols based on public input.
 - c. Limit Landscape Irrigation to Specific Times – Summer: 3 days/week; Winter: 1 day/week
4. As prescribed by the WSCP in the UWMP, the City shall implement Stage 2 communication protocols, as prescribed by the WSCP in the UWMP. Specific communication protocols for Stage 2 include:
 - a. Information posted on the City's website
 - b. Social media posts
 - c. Information included in utility bill inserts on a regular basis
 - d. Promotion of rebates and water conservation services
 - e. Letters, postcards, and flyers mailed to customers impacted by water use regulations
 - f. Targeted outreach and technical assistance to highest water users in each use class
 - g. Engage City councilmembers with resources to share with constituents
5. The actions outlined in this declaration shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until it is determined that Stage 2 water use restrictions are no longer necessary due to changed conditions warranting termination of this Stage 2 declaration.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Georgeanne A. White
City Manager

6/10/22
Date

5:25 pm
Time