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Decision No. 89178  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Sam S. & Mary J. Yaco,  
Complainants,

vs.

Alfred E. Augenstein, dba  
Buckingham Park Water System,  
Defendant.

Case No. 10418  
(Filed September 19, 1977)

Ivan Swisher and  
Margaret Swisher,  
Complainants,

vs.

A. Augenstein, dba  
Buckingham Park Water System,  
Defendant.

Case No. 10421  
(Filed September 21, 1977)

Maxwell K. Taylor,  
vs.

Alfred E. Augenstein, dba  
Buckingham Park Water System,  
Defendant

Case No. 10431  
(Filed September 30, 1977)

EMERGENCY INTERIM ORDER REOPENING  
CASES NO. 10418, NO. 10421, AND  
NO. 10431, AND INSTITUTING AN EMERGENCY  
WATER-RATIONING PROGRAM FOR THE  
BUCKINGHAM PARK WATER SYSTEM OF LAKE COUNTY

The California State Department of Health has requested that the Commission take immediate action to alleviate water-supply problems in the Buckingham Park Water System which have reached emergency proportions. The existence of these problems and their emergency nature have been confirmed by the owner/operator of the System, Mr. Alfred E. Augenstein.

THEREFORE, in order to protect the health and safety of the customers and to conserve the remaining water supply, IT IS ORDERED that Cases No. 10418, No. 10421, and No. 10431 be reopened for the purpose of instituting a water-rationing program for the Buckingham Park Water System.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Alfred E. Augenstein immediately notify all customers of the Buckingham Water System as to the restrictions on water use imposed by the rationing program by furnishing them with a copy of the Appendix to this order.

A public hearing in this matter shall be held before Administrative Law Judge Pilling on August 15, 1978, at 10:00 a.m. at the Council Room, City Hall, 455 Main Street, Lakeport.

The Executive Director shall cause a certified copy of this order to be personally served forthwith on Mr. Alfred E. Augenstein.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 3rd day of August, 1978.

Robert B. Augenstein  
President  
William Synovis Jr  
Richard D. Howell

Commissioners

Commissioner Vernon L. Sturgeon, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

-2- Commissioner Claire T. Dodrick, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

APPENDIX

Emergency Water-Rationing Program for  
Buckingham Park Water System

1. Each consumer shall be allotted 200 gallons per household per day, plus 25 gallons per person per day.
  2. The filling of swimming pools shall be prohibited except by use of water imported by the individual pool owner.
  3. The use of hoses to wash vehicles, boats, walks, pavements, etc. shall be prohibited.
  4. The watering of lawns, gardens, and shrubbery is prohibited except by use of hand-held hose. As permitted, such watering is further restricted as follows:
    - a. At even-numbered addresses, watering is permitted only on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays;
    - b. At odd-numbered addresses, watering is permitted only on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays; and
    - c. No watering is permitted on Sundays.
  5. Customers shall avoid any other unnecessary use of water.
  6. Noncompliance by a customer with any of the foregoing restrictions shall result in the installation of a water-restrictive device in the service line of the noncomplying customer. Such device will remain in place for a period of three days, after which time it may be removed upon payment of \$25.00 to the System. Any money so received by the System shall be placed in a special account, to be distributed as later directed by the Commission.
  7. Unless extended in duration by the Commission, this program shall expire at midnight, Pacific Standard Time, on December 31, 1978.
  8. Variance from this program may be granted following written application to the System upon a showing of good cause. Any decision by the System with regard to such application may be appealed to the Commission.
- Hearings on the problems of this utility will be held on August 15, 1978 at 10:00 a.m. at the Council Room, City Hall, 455 Main Street, Lakeport.