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Description: This advice letter requests the establishment of a Water Conservation Memorandum Account (“WCMA”).

The protest or response deadline for this advice letter is 20 days from the date that this advice letter was mailed to the service list. Please see the “Response or Protest” section in the advice letter for more information.

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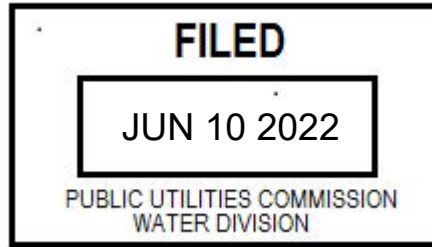
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SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WATER COMPANY

June 10, 2022



Advice Letter No. 581

U337W

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

San Gabriel Valley Water Company ("San Gabriel" or "Company") hereby requests ministerial review of the following changes in tariff sheets applicable to its Los Angeles County and Fontana Water Company divisions:

CPUC Sheet No.	Title	Schedule No.	Cancelling CPUC Sheet No.
3225-W	Preliminary Statement, Section T	n/a	n/a
3226-W	Table of Contents	n/a	3224-W

By this advice letter, San Gabriel seeks to add Paragraph T to its Preliminary Statement, describing the operation of a new Water Conservation Memorandum Account ("WCMA"). The purpose of the WCMA is to track incremental (i.e. not currently reflected in San Gabriel's revenue requirement and/or rates) recorded operations and administrative costs of complying with the emergency water conservation regulations adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board ("SWRCB") in Resolution No. 2022-0018, and the California Public Utilities Commission's (Commission) Resolution No. W-4976 adopting drought procedures for voluntary and mandatory water conservation measures related to both Rule 14.1, voluntary water conservation, and Schedule 14.1 mandatory rationing efforts. San Gabriel requests that the attached proposed tariffs be made effective on July 1, 2022. **This advice letter is designated as Tier 2.**

Background

On February 28, 2014, the California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") issued Resolution W-4976, adopting Drought Procedures for Water Conservation, Rationing and Service Connection Moratoria based on an updated Standard Practice U-40-W ("SP-40"). Paragraph 24 of SP-40 states, in part:

24. ... All expenses incurred by utility to activate both Rule 14.1 voluntary conservation and Schedule 14.1 mandatory rationing efforts that have not been considered in a General Rate Case or other proceeding, shall be recoverable by the utility if determined to be reasonable by the Commission. These monies shall be accumulated by the utility in a separate memorandum account for disposition as directed or authorized from time to time by the Commission.

Paragraph 35 of SP-40 states, in part:

35. Memorandum accounts to track expenses and monies collected by the utility through water use violation fines must be requested through an advice letter, either in conjunction with an advice letter requesting adding Rule 14.1 or Schedule 14.1, or in a stand-alone advice letter. ...

On April 21, 2021, in an effort to actively respond to severe drought conditions and preparing for the possibility of a third consecutive dry year, Governor Newsom issued a proclamation declaring a Drought State of Emergency in two California counties. (*see ATTACHMENT 1*) Subsequently, in May and July 2021 the governor updated his Emergency proclamation to include 50 counties, or approximately 42% of the state's population, and directed state agencies to take further actions to bolster drought resilience and prepare for impacts on communities, businesses and ecosystems. Additionally, Governor Newsom called on all Californians to reduce their water use by 15% from 2020 levels. (*see ATTACHMENT 2*)

In response to these measures, the Commission, by letter dated July 8, 2021, called on all investor-owned water utilities to implement water conservation measures to achieve the Governor's requested 15% reduction in water use, and specifically referenced the procedures and guidelines set forth in SP-40. Accordingly, San Gabriel notified the Director of the Commission's Water Division on July 16, 2021, of the Company's intention to communicate with customers the need to reduce water use by 15% compared to 2020 usage and implement voluntary conservation measures as described in Tariff Rule 14.1. (*see ATTACHMENT 3*) Accordingly, San Gabriel has distributed monthly notices to all customers in its Los Angeles County and Fontana Water Company divisions calling on them to reduce their water use by 15%.

On August 17, 2021, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California ("MWD") issued a Condition 2 – Water Supply Alert under its Water Surplus and Drought Management Plan, calling on all of its member agencies, cities and counties to implement conservation measures that support retail customers in reducing their water use and continue to preserve regional storage reserves. Subsequently on August 25, 2021, the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District ("USGVMWD"), an MWD member agency, activated Level 2 of its Water Shortage Contingency Plan, thereby triggering the implementation of a district-wide drought communications plan to support water use reductions in its service area, including the region served by San Gabriel's Los Angeles County division. (*see ATTACHMENT 4*)

On October 19, 2021, Governor Newsom issued another Drought Emergency Proclamation to include the entire state of California, including Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties. In this emergency proclamation, the governor directed local water suppliers, including San Gabriel, to execute their Water Shortage Contingency Plans at a level appropriate to local conditions that takes into account the possibility of a third consecutive dry year. (*see ATTACHMENT 5*)

By Advice Letter 574, effective January 13, 2022, San Gabriel updated and activated its Rule 14.1 – Water Shortage Contingency Plan, to align with its recently adopted 2020 Urban Water Management Plans for the Los Angeles County and Fontana Water Company divisions. By this advice letter, San Gabriel declared a Water Alert pursuant to Section A.1 of the Company's new

Rule 14.1, indicating the need for voluntary conservation in accordance with the Governor's October 19, 2021 Proclamation of a Drought State of Emergency. In accordance with the Water Alert San Gabriel declared on January 13, 2022, customers shall not use utility-supplied water for non-essential or unauthorized uses, as outlined in Section B of Rule 14.1.

On March 28, 2022, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-7-22 directing the SWRCB to consider adopting, by May 25, 2022, emergency regulations, including the requirement that urban water suppliers implement, at a minimum, water shortage response actions reflective of a water shortage level of up to 20%. (See **ATTACHMENT 6**)

On April 26, 2022, MWD's board voted unanimously to declare a water shortage emergency and implement an emergency water conservation program. By Resolution 9305, MWD called on all of its member agencies to make all possible changes in their operations to reduce their reliance upon MWD's State Water Project ("SWP") supplies, and immediately implement conservation requirements, efficiency measures, and limitations in accordance with their water shortage contingency plans. MWD further implemented an Emergency Water Conservation Program that provides two pathways for affected member agencies, which include either (1) restricting outdoor irrigation to one day per week beginning June 1, 2022, or (2) complying with monthly allocation limits subject to penalties of \$2,000 per acre-foot on all excess usage. (See **ATTACHMENT 7**)

On May 10, 2022, the USGVMWD adopted an Emergency Water Conservation Program applicable to 18 cities and 22 water retailers in the San Gabriel Valley, including San Gabriel's Los Angeles County division. USGVMWD's Emergency Water Conservation Program calls for reductions in water use of 20%, and limits outdoor irrigation to two days per week for its retail member agencies, including San Gabriel. (See **ATTACHMENT 8**)

On May 24, 2022, the SWRCB adopted emergency water conservation regulations, effective June 10, 2022, requiring San Gabriel and all urban water suppliers to implement Level 2 demand reduction actions described in their Water Shortage Contingency Plans on file with the Department of Water Resources, and prohibiting the use of potable water for irrigating non-functional turf at commercial, industrial, and institutional ("CII") sites. Level 2 actions are meant to achieve a reduction in water demands of up to 20% by limiting, among other things, the irrigation of landscapes with potable water to no more than two days per week, between the hours of 10 am and 6 pm. (See **ATTACHMENT 9**)

Discussion

San Gabriel's request in this advice letter complies with the directives in Paragraph 24 of the Drought Procedures (SP-40) adopted by Resolution W-4976, and referenced above. San Gabriel's proposed WCMA is identical in operation to the Company's previous WCMA, which the Commission authorized by Advice Letter 446, and was in effect from March 28, 2014 through April 26, 2017 – a period during which both mandatory and voluntary conservation measures were in effect during a declared drought emergency.

The WCMA will record San Gabriel's incremental public relations expenses, incremental water conservation materials expenses, and other incremental operational and administrative expenses

that are unforeseen and unexpected, which are associated with implementing the emergency conservation rules, regulations, and programs discussed above, as well as Rule 14.1 and, potentially, Schedule 14.1. These incremental expenses include, but are not limited to, complying with the SWRCB's emergency water conservation regulations adopted on May 24, 2022, which require, among other things, the identification of non-functional turf at all CII locations within the Los Angeles County and Fontana Water Company division service areas. For purposes of complying with this provision of the emergency water conservation regulations, San Gabriel has retained the services of an outside consultant to assist in the identification of non-functional turf as defined by the SWRCB.

San Gabriel will request recovery of amounts recorded in the WCMA in its next general rate case proceeding, or another regulatory proceeding as directed by the Commission. San Gabriel proposes that the WCMA remain in effect until the drought emergency is officially declared over.

The present drought emergency and resulting emergency conservation rules, regulations, and programs are not events within San Gabriel's control. San Gabriel could not have reasonably foreseen the present drought emergency and resulting emergency conservation rules, regulations, and programs at the time it filed its last general rate case. Moreover, San Gabriel cannot predict when the current drought emergency will be officially declared over or when the emergency conservation regulations will end. Consequently, San Gabriel will incur incremental and extraordinary expenses to comply with the various emergency rules and regulations.

Service and Notice

Distribution of this advice letter is being made to the attached service lists in accordance with Water Industry Rule 4.1 of General Order 96-B. No other parties have requested notification of tariff filings related to the Los Angeles County or Fontana Water Company divisions. In accordance with Water Industry Rule 3.3 of General Order 96-B, San Gabriel will also post this advice letter to its websites www.sgvwater.com and www.fontanawater.com.

Protest and Responses

Anyone may respond to or protest this advice letter. A response supports the filing and may contain information that proves useful to the Commission in evaluating the advice letter. A protest objects to the advice letter in whole or in part and must set forth the specific grounds on which it is based. These grounds are:

- (1) San Gabriel did not properly serve or give notice of the advice letter;
- (2) The relief requested in the advice letter would violate statute or Commission order, or is not authorized by statute or Commission order on which San Gabriel relies;
- (3) The analysis, calculations, or data in the advice letter contain material error or omissions;
- (4) The relief requested in the advice letter is pending before the Commission in a formal proceeding;
- (5) The relief requested in the advice letter requires consideration in a formal hearing, or is otherwise inappropriate for the advice letter process; or
- (6) The relief requested in the advice letter is unjust, unreasonable, or discriminatory, provided that such a protest may not be made where it would require re-litigating a prior order of the Commission.

A protest may not rely on a policy objection to an advice letter where the relief requested in the advice letter follows rules or directions established by statute or Commission order applicable to the utility. A protest shall provide citations or proofs where available to allow staff to properly consider the protest. A response or protest must be made in writing or by electronic mail and must be received by the Water Division within 20 days of the date this advice letter is filed. The address for mailing or delivering a response or protest is:

Email Address:
water.division@cpuc.ca.gov

Mailing Address:
California Public Utilities Commission
Water Division, 3rd Floor
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

On the same date the response or protest is submitted to the Water Division, the respondent or protestant shall send a copy of the protest by mail to San Gabriel addressed as follows:

Email Address:
jmreiker@sgvwater.com

Mailing Address:
San Gabriel Valley Water Company
Vice President of Regulatory Affairs
11142 Garvey Avenue
El Monte, CA 91733

Cities and counties that need Board of Supervisors or Board of Commissioners approval to protest should inform the Water Division, within the 20 day protest period, so that a late filed protest can be entertained. The informing document should include an estimate of the date the proposed protest might be voted on.

The advice letter process does not provide for any further responses, protests or comments, except for San Gabriel's reply, after the 20-day comment period. San Gabriel will reply to each protest and may reply to any response. Each reply must be received by the Water Division within five business days after the end of the protest period, and shall be served on the same day to the person who filed the protest or response in accordance with General Order 96-B, General Rule 7.3.2.

If you have not received a reply to your protest within ten business days, contact San Gabriel at (626) 448-6183.

San Gabriel Valley Water Company

/s/ Joel M. Reiker

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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT
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T. Water Conservation Memorandum Account (WCMA)

1. Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum account is to track incremental (i.e. not currently reflected in San Gabriel’s revenue requirement and/or rates) recorded operations and administrative costs of complying with the emergency water conservation regulations adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board (“SWRCB”) in Resolution No. 2022-0018 in response to the Governor Newsom’s declared drought emergency, and the California Public Utilities Commission’s (Commission) Resolution No. W-4976 adopting drought procedures for voluntary and mandatory water conservation measures related to both Rule 14.1, voluntary water conservation, and Schedule 14.1 mandatory rationing efforts.

2. The WCMA will record San Gabriel’s incremental public education and outreach expenses, incremental water conservation materials expenses, and other operational and Administrative expenses that are unforeseen and unexpected directly associated with complying with and implementing the conservation practices outlined in the drought rules and regulations implemented in response to the governor’s declared drought emergency.

San Gabriel shall maintain the WCMA by making entries at the end of each month as follows:

- a. A debit entry shall be made to the WCMA at the end of each month to record the expenses discussed above.
- b. Monthly interest expense calculated at 1/12 of the most recent month's interest rate on Commercial Paper (prime, 3-month), published in the Federal Reserve Statistical Release, H.15 (<http://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/H15/data/m/cp3m.txt>), or its successor publication (debit or credit).

4. Disposition

Costs recorded in the WCMA may be recovered in rates only after a request by San Gabriel, a showing of reasonableness, and approval by the Commission. Such a request may be made by a formal application specifically for that purpose, by inclusion in a subsequent general rate case, or other ratesetting request, as detailed in G.O. 96-B and Standard Practices.

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ATTACHMENT 1

State of Emergency Proclamation

WHEREAS climate change is intensifying the impacts of droughts on our communities, environment and economy, and California must therefore improve drought resiliency and prepare to respond to more frequent, prolonged, and intense dry periods; and

WHEREAS much of the West is experiencing severe to exceptional drought and California is in a second consecutive year of dry conditions, resulting in drought or near-drought throughout many portions of the State; and

WHEREAS these drought conditions can result in degraded water quality, fallowing of productive farmland, setbacks to vulnerable and rural communities through job losses and longer-lasting recoveries, significant impacts to tribal, commercial, and recreational salmon fisheries, constraints on access to traditional lifeways, loss of aquatic and terrestrial biodiversity, and ecosystem impacts; and

WHEREAS drought conditions vary across the State and some watersheds, including the Russian River and Klamath Basin, are extremely dry and are facing substantial water supply and ecosystem challenges; and

WHEREAS it is necessary to expeditiously mitigate the effects of the drought conditions within the Russian River Watershed, located within Mendocino and Sonoma counties, to ensure the protection of health, safety, and the environment; and

WHEREAS experience in the last drought has demonstrated the value of preparing earlier for potential sustained dry conditions, the need to improve our monitoring and forecasting capabilities, and many other lessons that are captured in the Administration's *Report to the Legislature on the 2012-2016 Drought*; and

WHEREAS the State and its many partners have strengthened drought resilience since the last drought including state investments in water management systems, implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, establishment of the Safe and Affordable Fund for Equity and Resilience Program, development of the Administration's *Water Resilience Portfolio*, and continued water conservation by Californians whose current statewide urban water use is 16% lower than at the beginning of the last drought; and

WHEREAS state agencies have been actively responding to current drought conditions and preparing for the possibility of a third dry year including through convenings of the interagency drought team, which was established at my direction, to organize, focus, and track changing conditions, coordinate state agency responses, and work closely with partners across the State; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8558(b), I find that the conditions caused by the drought conditions, by reason of their magnitude, are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of any single local government and require the combined forces of a mutual aid region or regions to appropriately respond; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8625(c), I find that local authority is inadequate to cope with the drought conditions; and

WHEREAS to protect public health and safety, it is critical the State take certain immediate actions without undue delay to prepare for and mitigate the effects of, the drought conditions within the Russian River Watershed, and under the provisions of Government Code section 8571, I find that strict compliance with various statutes and regulations specified in this Proclamation would prevent, hinder, or delay the mitigation of the effects of the drought conditions of the Russian River Watershed, located within Mendocino and Sonoma counties.

NOW THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the State Constitution and statutes, including the California Emergency Services Act, and in particular, section 8625, **HEREBY PROCLAIM A STATE OF EMERGENCY** to exist in Mendocino and Sonoma counties due to drought conditions in the Russian River Watershed.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. To further the success of California's water conservation efforts and increase our drought preparedness, state agencies shall partner with local water districts and utilities to make all Californians aware of drought, and encourage actions to reduce water usage by promoting the Department of Water Resources' Save Our Water campaign (<https://saveourwater.com>) and other water conservation programs.
2. To continue coordination with partners across the State for the potential of prolonged drought impacts, the Department of Water Resources, the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board), the Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Department of Food and Agriculture shall work with regional and local governments, including groundwater sustainability agencies, to identify watersheds, communities, public water systems, and ecosystems that may require coordinated state and local actions to address issues stemming from continued dry conditions, to ensure that we can respond to water shortages and protect people, natural resources and economic activity.
3. To continue partnership and coordination with Californian Native American tribes, state agencies shall engage in consultation, collaboration, and communication with California Native American tribes to assist them in necessary preparation and response to drought conditions on tribal lands and potential impacts to cultural and traditional resources within ancestral lands.
4. To prioritize drought response and preparedness resources, the Department of Water Resources, the Water Board, the Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Department of Food and Agriculture, in consultation with the Department of Finance, shall:
 - a. Accelerate funding for water supply enhancement, water conservation, or species conservation projects.
 - b. Identify unspent funds that can be repurposed to enable projects to address drought impacts to people, ecosystems, and economic activities.
 - c. Recommend additional financial support for water resilience infrastructure projects and actions for potential inclusion in the upcoming May Revision.

5. To increase resilience of our water supplies during drought conditions, the Department of Water Resources shall:
 - a. Work with counties to encourage reporting of household water shortages, such as dry residential wells, on the website the Department maintains for that purpose, to enable tracking of drought impacts.
 - b. Work with counties, and groundwater sustainability agencies as appropriate, to help ensure that well drillers submit required groundwater well logs for newly constructed and deepened wells in a timely manner.
 - c. Work with agricultural water suppliers and agricultural water users to provide technical assistance, including implementation of efficient water management practices and use of technology such as the California Irrigation Management Information System.
 - d. Work with urban and agricultural water suppliers to encourage timely submittal by water districts and public posting of urban water management and water shortage contingency plans and agricultural water management and drought plans.
 - e. Accelerate updating the land subsidence data it is providing to support implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

6. To increase resilience of our water systems during drought conditions, the Water Board shall:
 - a. Use its authority, provide technical assistance, and where feasible provide financial assistance, to support regular reporting of drinking water supply well levels and reservoir water levels where the Water Board determines that there is risk of supply failure because of lowering groundwater levels or reservoir levels that may fall below public water system intakes.
 - b. Prioritize the permitting of public water systems that anticipate the need to activate additional supply wells where water quality is a concern and treatment installation needs to proceed to relieve a system's potential supply concerns.
 - c. Provide annual water demand data, information on water right priority, and other communications on water availability on its website.
 - d. Identify watersheds where current diversion data is insufficient to evaluate supply impacts caused by dry conditions, and take actions to ensure prompt submittal of missing data in those watersheds.

7. To address the acutely dry conditions in the Russian River Watershed, the Water Board shall consider:
 - a. Modifying requirements for reservoir releases or diversion limitations in that watershed to ensure adequate, minimal water supplies for critical purposes.
 - b. Adopting emergency regulations to curtail water diversions when water is not available at water rights holders' priority of right or to protect releases of stored water.

For purposes of carrying out this directive, Public Resources Code, Division 13 (commencing with section 21000) and regulations adopted pursuant to that Division are suspended in the counties of Mendocino and Sonoma to the extent necessary to address the impacts of the drought in the Russian River Watershed. The Water Board shall identify the projects

eligible for the suspensions pursuant to this paragraph and maintain on its websites a list of the activities or approvals for which these provisions are suspended.

8. To ensure that equipment and services necessary for drought response in the Russian River Watershed can be procured quickly, the provisions of the Government Code and the Public Contract Code applicable to procurement, state contracts, and fleet assets, including, but not limited to, advertising and competitive bidding requirements, are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to address the effects of the drought in the Russian River Watershed, located within Mendocino and Sonoma counties. Approval of the Department of Finance is required prior to the execution of any contract entered into pursuant to this provision.
9. To increase the resilience of our natural habitats to protect vulnerable species during drought conditions, the Department of Fish and Wildlife shall:
 - a. Evaluate and take actions to protect terrestrial and aquatic species and, wherever possible, work with water users and other parties on voluntary measures to protect species.
 - b. Work to improve State hatcheries and increase water use efficiency on State wildlife areas and ecological reserves to maintain habitat for vulnerable species.
 - c. Respond to human-wildlife interactions related to ongoing dry conditions and increase public messaging and awareness.
 - d. Work with commercial and recreational salmon fishing and tribal representatives to anticipate and develop strategies to mitigate and respond to salmon fishery impacts, with particular emphasis on addressing impacts to salmon fisheries in the Klamath Basin.
10. To support our agricultural economy and food security during drought conditions, the Department of Food and Agriculture shall:
 - a. Provide technical assistance to support conservation planning, on-farm water and energy conservation practices and technologies, including augmenting the State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program.
 - b. Conduct an economic analysis of drought impacts to agriculture, including land use, jobs, and rural food economies, expanding on existing research done in the last drought to include thorough regional analysis especially in the Central Valley, and in the implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and alternative land uses for fallowed land.
 - c. Maintain a web page with drought resources for farmers and ranchers, including the United States Department of Agriculture and other federal and state resources.
 - d. Work with federal agencies to assist Klamath Basin farmers and ranchers contending with reduced water supplies.
11. To ensure the potential impacts of drought on communities are anticipated and proactively addressed, the Department of Water Resources, in coordination with the Water Board, shall develop groundwater management principles and strategies to monitor, analyze, and minimize impacts to drinking water wells.
12. To provide critical information on the different drought conditions across the State, the Department of Water Resources, in consultation with the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Department of Food and Agriculture,

and the Water Board, shall develop a California Drought Monitor by December 31, 2021, as recommended in the Administration's *Report to the Legislature on the 2012-2016 Drought*.

13. To prepare for potential salinity issues in the Delta, the Department of Water Resources, in consultation with the Water Board, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Delta Stewardship Council, and the Central Valley Flood Protection Board, shall initiate actions necessary to prepare for and address potential Delta salinity issues during prolonged drought conditions.

14. To prepare for potential impacts of drought conditions on species, the Water Board and the Department of Fish and Wildlife shall work with federal agency partners to manage temperature conditions for the preservation of fish in the Sacramento River downstream of Shasta Dam while balancing water supply needs.

This Proclamation is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

I FURTHER DIRECT that as soon as hereafter possible, this Proclamation be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Proclamation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st day of April 2021

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

DR. SHIRLEY WEBER
Secretary of State

ATTACHMENT 2

EXECUTIVE ORDER N-10-21

WHEREAS communities across California are experiencing more frequent, prolonged, and severe impacts of climate change including catastrophic wildfires, extreme heat and unprecedentedly dry conditions that threaten the health of our people, habitat for species and our economy; and

WHEREAS severe drought afflicts the American West and increasingly warming temperatures driven by climate change exacerbate harmful drought effects including disruption of drinking water and irrigation supplies, degradation of fish and wildlife habitat, and heightened flammability of wildland vegetation; and

WHEREAS on April 21 and May 10, 2021, I issued proclamations that a state of emergency exists in a total of 41 counties due to severe drought conditions and directed state agencies to take immediate action to preserve critical water supplies and mitigate the effects of drought and ensure the protection of health, safety, and the environment; and

WHEREAS today, I issued a further proclamation of a state of emergency due to drought conditions in nine additional counties (Inyo, Marin, Mono, Monterey, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz), and directed state agencies to take further actions to bolster drought resilience and prepare for impacts on communities, businesses, and ecosystems; and

WHEREAS drought conditions present urgent challenges, including the risk of drinking water shortages in communities, greatly increased wildfire activity, diminished water for agricultural production, adverse impacts on fisheries, and additional water scarcity if drought conditions continue into next year; and

WHEREAS agriculture is an important economic driver in California that has made significant investments in irrigation efficiencies such that nearly 70 percent of the nation's farmland using drip and micro-irrigation is located in California, and despite that investment, many agricultural producers are experiencing severe reductions in water supplies and are fallowing land in response to current dry conditions; and

WHEREAS action by Californians now to conserve water and to extend local groundwater and surface water supplies will provide greater resilience if the drought continues in future years; and

WHEREAS during the 2012-2016 drought, Californians did their part to conserve water, with many taking permanent actions that continue to yield benefits; per capita residential water use statewide declined 21 percent between the years 2013 and 2016, and has remained on average 16 percent below 2013 levels as of 2020; and

WHEREAS local water suppliers and communities have made strategic and forward-looking investments in water recycling, stormwater capture and reuse, groundwater storage and other strategies to improve drought resilience; and

WHEREAS there is now a need to augment ongoing water conservation and drought resilience investments with additional action to extend available supplies, protect water reserves in case drought conditions extend to a third year and maintain critical flows for fish and wildlife.

NOW THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the State Constitution and statutes, do hereby issue the following order to become effective immediately.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1) To preserve the State's surface and groundwater supplies and better prepare for the potential for continued dry conditions next year, and to join existing efforts by agricultural water users, public water systems, and governmental agencies to respond to water shortages, I call on all Californians to voluntarily reduce their water use by 15 percent from their 2020 levels. Commonsense measures Californians can undertake to save water and money include:
 - a. Irrigating landscapes more efficiently. As much as 50 percent of residential water use goes to outdoor irrigation, and much of that is wasted due to evaporation, wind, or runoff caused by inefficient irrigation methods and systems. Watering one day less per week, not watering during or immediately after rainfall, watering during the cooler parts of the day and using a weather-based irrigation controller can reduce irrigation water use, saving nearly 8,800 gallons of water per year.
 - b. Running dishwashers and washing machines only when full. Full laundry loads can save 15–45 gallons per load. Full dishwasher cycles can save 5–15 gallons per load.
 - c. Finding and fixing leaks. A leaky faucet that drips at the rate of one drip per second can waste nearly 3,200 gallons per year.
 - d. Installing water-efficient showerheads and taking shorter showers. Keeping showers under five minutes can save 12.5 gallons per shower when using a water-efficient showerhead.
 - e. Using a shut-off nozzle on hoses and taking cars to commercial car washes that use recycled water.

The State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) shall track and report monthly on the State's progress toward achieving a 15-percent reduction in statewide urban water use as compared to 2020 use.

- 2) State agencies, led by the Department of Water Resources and in coordination with local agencies, shall encourage actions by all Californians, whether in their residential, industrial, commercial, agricultural, or institutional use, to reduce water usage, including through the statewide Save Our Water conservation campaign at SaveOurWater.com, which provides simple ways for Californians to reduce water use in their everyday lives.

- 3) The Department of Water Resources shall monitor hydrologic conditions such as cumulative precipitation, reservoir storage levels, soil moisture and other metrics, and the Water Board shall monitor progress on voluntary conservation as ongoing indicators of water supply risk that may inform future drought response actions.

This Order is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that as soon as hereafter possible, this Order be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Order.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 8th day of July 2021.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State

ATTACHMENT 3

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

505 VAN NESS AVENUE
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102-3298



July 8, 2021

To: All Investor-Owned Water Utilities

SUBJECT: Governor Gavin Newsom's Proclamation of a State of Emergency due to Drought

Dear Water Utilities:

On July 8, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom issued a [State of Emergency Proclamation](#) and [Executive Order N-10-21](#) urging Californians to preserve the state's surface and groundwater supplies and to better prepare for the potential for continued dry conditions next year. In response to climate change and worsening drought conditions, the Governor previously issued proclamations on April 12 and May 10, 2021 declaring that a state of emergency exists in a total of 41 counties due to severe drought conditions and directed state agencies to take immediate action to preserve critical water supplies and mitigate the effects of drought. This latest proclamation adds 9 additional counties to the list of 41 for a total of 50 counties across California experiencing emergency drought conditions. As California's water supplies continue to be severely depleted, the Governor has specifically called on all Californians to voluntarily reduce water use by 15 percent from 2020 levels as conservation is the most effective and timely action that can extend available water supplies.

The CPUC now calls on the investor-owned utilities (IOUs) to implement voluntary water conservation measures to achieve the 15 percent reduction in water use from 2020 levels to heed the call from this latest Proclamation and Executive Order. As a reminder, the Water Division's Standard Practice U-40¹ (SP-40) outlines drought procedures and guidance for IOUs to implement voluntary conservation. In accordance with SP-40, IOUs electing to activate voluntary conservation measures are required to notify the Director of the Commission's Water Division via letter. The utility's customers shall be notified of the voluntary conservation measures through a bill insert or direct mailing.

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https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/uploadedFiles/CPUC_Public_Website/Content/Utilities_and_Industries/Water/Standard_Practice_U40W_2014_wo.pdf

A listing of voluntary water conservation measures as outlined in Tariff Rule 14.1 in accordance to SP-40 are listed as an attachment to this letter in Attachment A.

For additional commonsense, no-, or low-cost water savings measures, IOUs should encourage customers to visit www.SaveOurWater.com. Customers can also learn more about current conditions, the state's response and informational resources available to the public at the state's new [drought preparedness website](#).

Please direct any questions to me at Water.Division@cpuc.ca.gov or Water Division, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102-3298.

Sincerely,

Terence Shia

Terence Shia
Water Division Director
California Public Utilities Commission

CC: President Marybel Batjer
Commissioner Martha Guzman Aceves
Commissioner Clifford Rechtschaffen
Commissioner Genevieve Shiroma
Commissioner Darcie Houck
Rachel Peterson, Executive Director, CPUC
Grant Mack, Office of Government Affairs Director, CPUC

Attachment A

A listing of voluntary water conservation measures as outlined in Tariff Rule 14.1 in accordance to SP-40 are listed below:

1. Use of potable water for more than minimal landscaping, as defined in the landscaping regulated of the jurisdiction or as described in Article 10.8 of the California Government Code in connection with new construction;
2. Excessive use of water: when a utility has notified the customer in writing to repair a broken or defective plumbing, sprinkler, watering or irrigation system and the customer has failed to effect such repairs within five business days, the utility may install a flow restriction device;
3. Use of potable water which results in flooding or runoff in gutters or streets;
4. Individual private washing of cars with a hose except with the use of a positive action shut-off nozzle. Use of potable water for washing commercial aircraft, cars, buses, boats, trailers, or other commercial vehicles at any time, except at commercial or fleet vehicle or boat washing facilities operated at a fixed location where equipment using water is properly maintained to avoid wasteful use;
5. Use of potable water for washing buildings, structures, driveways, patios, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard-surfaced areas, except in the cases where health and safety are at risk;
6. Use of potable water to irrigate turf, lawns, gardens, or ornamental landscaping by means other than drip irrigation, or hand watering without quick acting positive action shut-off nozzles, on a specific schedule, for example: 1) before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.; 2) every other day; or 3) selected days of the week;
7. Use of potable water for street cleaning with trucks, except for initial wash-down for construction purposes (if street sweeping is not feasible), or to protect the health and safety of the public;
8. Use of potable water for construction purposes, such as consolidation of backfill, dust control, or other uses unless no other source of water or other method can be used.
9. Use of potable water for construction purposes unless no other source of water or other method can be used;
10. Use of potable water for street cleaning;
11. Operation of commercial car washes without recycling at least 50% of the potable water used per cycle;
12. Use of potable water for watering outside plants, lawn, landscape and turf areas during certain hours if and when specified in Schedule No. 14.1 when the schedule is in effect;

13. Use of potable water for decorative fountains or the filling or topping off of decorative lakes or ponds. Exceptions are made for those decorative fountains, lakes, or ponds which utilize recycled water;
14. Use of potable water for the filling or refilling of swimming pools.
15. Service of water by any restaurant except upon the request of a patron;
and
16. Use of potable water to flush hydrants, except where required for public health or safety.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WATER COMPANY

July 16, 2021

(By Email and Certified Mail)

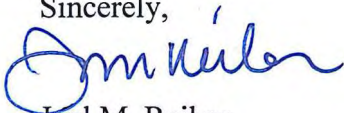
Terence Shia, Director
Water Division
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102
(terence.shia@cpuc.ca.gov)

Re: **Notice of Implementation of Voluntary Conservation Measures**

Dear Terence,

In accordance with the California Public Utilities Commission's Water Division Standard Practice U-40 and your letter to water utilities, dated July 8, 2021, San Gabriel Valley Water Company hereby notifies you that the Company is calling for a 15% voluntary reduction in water use compared to 2020 levels. San Gabriel will distribute a notice by bill insert or special mailing to all customers in both the Los Angeles County and Fontana Water Company divisions calling on them to reduce their water use by 15%. San Gabriel will also post the notice on the Company's websites (www.sgvwater.com and www.fontanawater.com). Please call Tiffany Tran, Conservation Coordinator, at (626) 448-6183 with any questions or if you require additional information.

Sincerely,



Joel M. Reiker
Vice President, Regulatory Affairs

cc: (by Email only)
James Booth, CPUC Water Division (james.booth@cpuc.ca.gov)
Bruce DeBerry, CPUC Water Division (bruce.deberry@cpuc.ca.gov)
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ATTACHMENT 4

RESOLUTION NO. 8-21-624

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
UPPER SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
ACTIVATING LEVEL 2
OF THE WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN**

WHEREAS, Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (Upper District) is a wholesale water agency that provides imported drinking water to 22 water retailers that serve nearly one million residents living in 17 San Gabriel Valley cities and unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS, California is facing a second consecutive year of increasingly severe drought conditions throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, record high temperatures and below average snowpack levels have produced critically low levels of runoff in Northern California and the Colorado River Watershed, both of which serve as key imported water sources for Southern California; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Drought Monitor has classified all of Los Angeles County as being subject to "extreme" drought conditions since July 20, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Water Resources has issued a five percent State Water Project Allocation for 2021 and anticipates a zero percent initial State Water Project Allocation for 2022 due to severe drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, the level of the Main San Gabriel Basin, as measured at the Baldwin Park Key Well on August 13, 2021, is at 188.4 feet approaching the historical low level of 169 feet above mean sea level recorded in November of 2019; and

WHEREAS, on April 21, May 10 and July 8, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom issued proclamations that a state of emergency exists in a total of 50 of 58 counties in California due to severe drought conditions, including a call on all Californians to voluntarily reduce water use by 15% from 2020 levels; and

WHEREAS, on August 17, 2021, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California issued a Condition 2 -- Water Supply Alert, under its Water Surplus and Drought Management Plan, calling on all its member agencies, cities and counties to implement voluntary conservation measures that support retail customers in reducing their water use and continue to preserve regional storage reserves.

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2021, the Upper District Board of Directors approved its updated Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan to formally plan for and address future water shortages; and

WHEREAS, the Water Shortage Contingency Plan includes six standard water shortage levels, as defined by the state of California, corresponding to shortage conditions of up to and greater than 50% and each shortage level aligns with defined shortage response actions that Upper District may implement to resolve any existing or expected supply-demand gaps created by a shortage condition; and

WHEREAS in activating Shortage Level 2, Upper District intends to focus its short-term actions on voluntary measures, reserving mandatory measures for a later time based on activation of higher levels of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan; and

WHEREAS, initiation of Shortage Level 2 of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan will demonstrate that Upper District recognizes the serious nature of the current drought and supports the Governor's call for voluntary 15% water use reductions; and

WHEREAS, initiation of Shortage Level 2 of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan further emphasizes Upper District's continued commitment to ensure safe and reliable supplies to the communities it serves; and

WHEREAS, a reduction in current water use by 15 percent will result in less need to withdraw water from groundwater storage, preserving water reserves that help maintain a reliable supply in the event the extreme drought continues through 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UPPER SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The District hereby activates Shortage Level 2 of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

Section 2. The District shall implement a district-wide drought communications plan to support voluntary water use reductions in the Upper District service area, thereby improving regional water reliability.

Section 3. The District urges all local water suppliers and city councils to help their customers and constituents implement voluntary conservation measures that support retail customers in reducing their water use.

Section 4. The Secretary shall certify to the adoption of this resolution and henceforth and thereafter the same shall be in full force and effect.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED on August 25, 2021.


AYES: FELLOW, TREVIÑO, GARCIA, SANTANA

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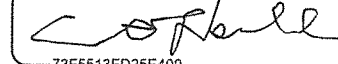
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Katarina Garcia, Secretary

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Steven P. O'Neill, District Counsel

ATTACHMENT 5

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS climate change continues to intensify the impacts of droughts on our communities, environment, and economy, and California is in a second consecutive year of dry conditions, resulting in drought in all parts of the State and extreme or exceptional drought in most of the State; and

WHEREAS the meteorological summer in California and the rest of the western United States was the hottest on record; and

WHEREAS on April 12, 2021, May 10, 2021, and July 8, 2021, I proclaimed states of emergency to exist in the counties of Alameda, Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Contra Costa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Humboldt, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Lake, Lassen, Madera, Mariposa, Marin, Mendocino, Merced, Modoc, Mono, Monterey, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, San Benito, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, Yolo, and Yuba, due to severe drought conditions; and

WHEREAS since my July 8, 2021 Proclamation, sustained and extreme high temperatures have increased water loss from reservoirs and streams, increased demands by communities and agriculture, and further depleted California's water supplies; and

WHEREAS the counties of Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, and Ventura are now experiencing severe drought conditions; and

WHEREAS long-term weather forecasts for the winter rainy season, dire storage conditions of California's largest reservoirs, low moisture content in native vegetation, and parched soils, magnify the likelihood that drought impacts will continue in 2022 and beyond; and

WHEREAS the increasing frequency of multiyear droughts presents a significant risk to California's ability to ensure adequate water supplies for communities, agriculture, and fish and wildlife; and

WHEREAS the most impactful action Californians can take to extend available supplies is to re-double their efforts to voluntarily reduce their water use by 15 percent from their 2020 levels by implementing the commonsense measures identified in operative paragraph 1 of my July 8, 2021 Executive Order N-10-21; and

WHEREAS it is necessary to expeditiously mitigate the effects of the drought conditions to ensure the protection of health, safety, and the environment; and

WHEREAS under Government Code Section 8558(b), I find that the conditions caused by the drought, by reason of their magnitude, are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of any single local government and require the combined forces of a mutual aid region or regions to appropriately respond; and

WHEREAS under Government Code Section 8625(c), I find that local authority is inadequate to cope with the drought conditions; and

WHEREAS to protect public health and safety, it is critical the State take certain immediate actions without undue delay to prepare for and mitigate the effects of the drought conditions, and under Government Code Section 8571, I find that strict compliance with various statutes and regulations specified in this Proclamation would prevent, hinder, or delay the mitigation of the effects of the drought conditions.

NOW THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the State Constitution and statutes, including the California Emergency Services Act, and in particular, Section 8625, **HEREBY PROCLAIM A STATE OF EMERGENCY** to exist in the State due to drought in the remaining counties of Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, and Ventura, such that the drought state of emergency is now in effect statewide.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. All agencies of the state government are to utilize and employ state personnel, equipment, and facilities for the performance of any and all activities consistent with the direction of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services and the State Emergency Plan. Also, to protect their safety, all residents are to obey the direction of emergency officials with regard to this emergency in order to protect their safety.
2. The orders and provisions contained in my April 21, 2021, May 10, 2021, and July 8, 2021 Proclamations remain in full force and effect, except as modified herein. State agencies shall continue to implement all directions from those Proclamations and accelerate implementation where feasible.
3. Operative paragraphs 3, 5, 6, and 10 of my July 8, 2021 Proclamation are withdrawn and replaced with paragraphs 4 through 8 below.
4. Consistent with the policies stated in Water Code Section 1011.5(a), local agencies are encouraged to take actions to coordinate use of their available supplies and to substitute an alternate supply of groundwater from existing groundwater wells for the unused portion of surface water that the local agency is otherwise entitled to use. For actions taken pursuant to this paragraph, the provisions of Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 85225) of Part 3 of Division 35 of the Water Code and regulations adopted pursuant thereto are suspended for any (a) actions taken by state agencies pursuant to this paragraph, (b) actions taken by a local agency where the state agency with primary responsibility for implementing the directive concurs that local action is required, and (c) permits or approvals necessary to carry out actions under (a) or (b). The entities implementing this paragraph shall maintain on their websites a list of all activities or approvals that rely on the suspension of the foregoing Water Code provisions.

5. To support voluntary approaches where hydrology and other conditions allow, the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) shall expeditiously consider water transfer requests. For purposes of carrying out this paragraph, the following requirements of the Water Code are suspended:
 - a. Section 1726(d) requirements for written notice and newspaper publication, provided that the Water Board shall post notice on its website and provide notice through electronic subscription services where interested persons can request information about temporary changes; and
 - b. Section 1726(f) requirement of a 30-day comment period, provided that the Water Board shall afford a 15-day comment period.
6. As necessary to assist local governments and for the protection of public health and the environment, state agencies shall enter into contracts to arrange for the procurement of materials, goods, and services necessary to quickly assist with the response to and recovery from the impacts of the drought. Applicable provisions of the Government Code and the Public Contract Code, including but not limited to travel, advertising, and competitive bidding requirements, are suspended to the extent necessary to address the effects of the drought. Approval of the Department of Finance is required prior to the execution of any contract entered into pursuant to this provision.
7. To proactively prevent situations where a community runs out of drinking water, the Water Board, the Department of Water Resources, the Office of Emergency Services, and the Office of Planning and Research shall assist local agencies with identifying acute drinking water shortages in domestic water supplies, and shall work with local agencies in implementing solutions to those water shortages.
8. To preserve the State's surface and groundwater supplies and better prepare for the potential for continued dry conditions next year, local water suppliers are directed to execute their urban Water Shortage Contingency Plans and agricultural Drought Plans at a level appropriate to local conditions that takes into account the possibility of a third consecutive dry year. Suppliers shall ensure that Urban and Agricultural Water Management Plans are up to date and in place.
9. The Water Board may adopt emergency regulations, as it deems necessary, to supplement voluntary conservation by prohibiting certain wasteful water practices. Wasteful water uses include:
 - a. The use of potable water for washing sidewalks, driveways, buildings, structures, patios, parking lots, or other hard-surfaced areas, except in cases where health and safety are at risk.
 - b. The use of potable water that results in flooding or runoff in gutters or streets.


- c. The use of potable water, except with the use of a positive shut-off nozzle, for the individual private washing of motor vehicles.
 - d. The use of water to irrigate turf and ornamental landscapes during and within 48 hours after measurable rainfall of at least one-fourth of one inch of rain.
 - e. The use of potable water for irrigation of ornamental turf on public street medians.
 - f. The use of potable water for street cleaning or construction purposes, unless no other source of water or other method can be used or if necessary, to protect the health and safety of the public.
 - g. The use of potable water for decorative fountains or the filling or topping-off of decorative lakes or ponds, with exceptions for those decorative fountains, lakes, or ponds which utilize recycled water.
10. The California Department of Food and Agriculture, in collaboration with other relevant state agencies, shall evaluate water efficiency measures implemented in California agriculture over the past several years and develop a report with recommendations on how to further increase efficiencies.
11. The Office of Emergency Services shall provide assistance under the authority of the California Disaster Assistance Act, Government Code section 8680 et seq., and California Code of Regulations, title 19, section 2900 et seq., as appropriate to provide for, or in support of, the temporary emergency supply, delivery, or both of drinking water or water for sanitation purposes.
12. For purposes of carrying out or approving any actions contemplated by the directives in operative paragraphs 5, 6, and 9, the environmental review by state agencies required by the California Environmental Quality Act in Public Resources Code, Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) and regulations adopted pursuant to that Division are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to address the impacts of the drought.

For purposes of carrying out the directive in operative paragraph 4 and 7, for any (a) actions taken by the listed state agencies pursuant to that directive, (b) actions taken by a local agency where the Office of Planning and Research concurs that local action is required, and (c) permits necessary to carry out actions under (a) or (b), Public Resources Code, Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) and regulations adopted pursuant to that Division are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to address the impacts of the drought. The entities implementing these directives shall maintain on their websites a list of all activities or approvals for which these provisions are suspended.

This Proclamation is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

I FURTHER DIRECT that as soon as hereafter possible, this Proclamation be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Proclamation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 19th day of October 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gavin Newsom', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State

ATTACHMENT 6

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER N-7-22

WHEREAS on April 12, 2021, May 10, 2021, July 8, 2021, and October 19, 2021, I proclaimed states of emergency that continue today and exist across all the counties of California, due to extreme and expanding drought conditions; and

WHEREAS climate change continues to intensify the impacts of droughts on our communities, environment, and economy, and California is in a third consecutive year of dry conditions, resulting in continuing drought in all parts of the State; and

WHEREAS the 21st century to date has been characterized by record warmth and predominantly dry conditions, and the 2021 meteorological summer in California and the rest of the western United States was the hottest on record; and

WHEREAS since my October 19, 2021 Proclamation, early rains in October and December 2021 gave way to the driest January and February in recorded history for the watersheds that provide much of California's water supply; and

WHEREAS the ongoing drought will have significant, immediate impacts on communities with vulnerable water supplies, farms that rely on irrigation to grow food and fiber, and fish and wildlife that rely on stream flows and cool water; and

WHEREAS the two largest reservoirs of the Central Valley Project, which supplies water to farms and communities in the Central Valley and the Santa Clara Valley and provides critical cold-water habitat for salmon and other anadromous fish, have water storage levels that are approximately 1.1 million acre-feet below last year's low levels on this date; and

WHEREAS the record-breaking dry period in January and February and the absence of significant rains in March have required the Department of Water Resources to reduce anticipated deliveries from the State Water Project to 5 percent of requested supplies; and

WHEREAS delivery of water by bottle or truck is necessary to protect human safety and public health in those places where water supplies are disrupted; and

WHEREAS groundwater use accounts for 41 percent of the State's total water supply on an average annual basis but as much as 58 percent in a critically dry year, and approximately 85 percent of public water systems rely on groundwater as their primary supply; and

WHEREAS coordination between local entities that approve permits for new groundwater wells and local groundwater sustainability agencies is important to achieving sustainable levels of groundwater in critically overdrafted basins; and

WHEREAS the duration of the drought, especially following a multiyear drought that abated only five years ago, underscores the need for California to redouble near-, medium-, and long-term efforts to adapt its water management and delivery systems to a changing climate, shifting precipitation patterns, and water scarcity; and

WHEREAS the most consequential, immediate action Californians can take to extend available supplies is to voluntarily reduce their water use by 15 percent from their 2020 levels by implementing the commonsense measures identified in operative paragraph 1 of Executive Order N-10-21 (July 8, 2021); and

WHEREAS to protect public health and safety, it is critical the State take certain immediate actions without undue delay to prepare for and mitigate the effects of the drought conditions, and under Government Code section 8571, I find that strict compliance with various statutes and regulations specified in this Proclamation would prevent, hinder, or delay the mitigation of the effects of the drought conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the State Constitution and statutes, including the California Emergency Services Act, and in particular, Government Code sections 8567, 8571, and 8627, do hereby issue the following Order to become effective immediately:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The orders and provisions contained in my April 21, 2021, May 10, 2021, July 8, 2021, and October 19, 2021 Proclamations remain in full force and effect, except as modified by those Proclamations and herein. State agencies shall continue to implement all directions from those Proclamations and accelerate implementation where feasible.
2. To help the State achieve its conservation goals and ensure sufficient water for essential indoor and outdoor use, I call on all Californians to strive to limit summertime water use and to use water more efficiently indoors and out. The statewide Save Our Water conservation campaign at SaveOurWater.com provides simple ways for Californians to reduce water use in their everyday lives. Furthermore, I encourage Californians to understand and track the amount of water they use and measure their progress toward their conservation goals.
3. By May 25, 2022, the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) shall consider adopting emergency regulations that include all of the following:
 - a. A requirement that each urban water supplier, as defined in section 10617 of the Water Code, shall submit to the Department of Water Resources a preliminary annual water supply and demand assessment consistent with section 10632.1 of the Water Code no later than June 1, 2022, and submit a final annual water

supply and demand assessment to the Department of Water Resources no later than the deadline set by section 10632.1 of the Water Code;

- b. A requirement that each urban water supplier that has submitted a water shortage contingency plan to the Department of Water Resources implement, at a minimum, the shortage response actions adopted under section 10632 of the Water Code for a shortage level of up to twenty percent (Level 2), by a date to be set by the Water Board; and
- c. A requirement that each urban water supplier that has not submitted a water shortage contingency plan to the Department of Water Resources implement, at a minimum, shortage response actions established by the Water Board, which shall take into consideration model actions that the Department of Water Resources shall develop for urban water supplier water shortage contingency planning for Level 2, by a date to be set by the Water Board.

To further conserve water and improve drought resiliency if the drought lasts beyond this year, I encourage urban water suppliers to conserve more than required by the emergency regulations described in this paragraph and to voluntarily activate more stringent local requirements based on a shortage level of up to thirty percent (Level 3).

- 4. To promote water conservation, the Department of Water Resources shall consult with leaders in the commercial, industrial, and institutional sectors to develop strategies for improving water conservation, including direct technical assistance, financial assistance, and other approaches. By May 25, 2022, the Water Board shall consider adopting emergency regulations defining “non-functional turf” (that is, a definition of turf that is ornamental and not otherwise used for human recreation purposes such as school fields, sports fields, and parks) and banning irrigation of non-functional turf in the commercial, industrial, and institutional sectors except as it may be required to ensure the health of trees and other perennial non-turf plantings.
- 5. In order to maximize the efficient use of water and to preserve water supplies critical to human health and safety and the environment, Public Resources Code, Division 13 (commencing with section 21000) and regulations adopted pursuant to that Division are hereby suspended, with respect to the directives in paragraphs 3 and 4 of this Order and any other projects and activities for the purpose of water conservation to the extent necessary to address the impacts of the drought, and any permits necessary to carry out such projects or activities. Entities that desire to conduct activities under this suspension, other than the directives in paragraphs 3 and 4 of this Order, shall first request that the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency make a determination that the proposed activities are eligible to be conducted under this suspension. The Secretary shall use sound discretion in applying this Executive Order to ensure that the suspension serves the purpose of accelerating conservation projects that are necessary to address impacts of the drought, while at the same time

protecting public health and the environment. The entities implementing these directives or conducting activities under this suspension shall maintain on their websites a list of all activities or approvals for which these provisions are suspended.

6. To support voluntary approaches to improve fish habitat that would require change petitions under Water Code section 1707 and either Water Code sections 1425 through 1432 or Water Code sections 1725 through 1732, and where the primary purpose is to improve conditions for fish, the Water Board shall expeditiously consider petitions that add a fish and wildlife beneficial use or point of diversion and place of storage to improve conditions for anadromous fish. California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 1064, subdivisions (a)(1)(A)(i)-(ii) are suspended with respect to any petition that is subject to this paragraph.
7. To facilitate the hauling of water for domestic use by local communities and domestic water users threatened with the loss of water supply or degraded water quality resulting from drought, any ordinance, regulation, prohibition, policy, or requirement of any kind adopted by a public agency that prohibits the hauling of water out of the water's basin of origin or a public agency's jurisdiction is hereby suspended. The suspension authorized pursuant to this paragraph shall be limited to the hauling of water by truck or bottle to be used for human consumption, cooking, or sanitation in communities or residences threatened with the loss of affordable safe drinking water. Nothing in this paragraph limits any public health or safety requirement to ensure the safety of hauled water.
8. The Water Board shall expand inspections to determine whether illegal diversions or wasteful or unreasonable use of water are occurring and bring enforcement actions against illegal diverters and those engaging in the wasteful and unreasonable use of water. When access is not granted by a property owner, the Water Board may obtain an inspection warrant pursuant to the procedures set forth in Title 13 (commencing with section 1822.50) of Part 3 of the Code of Civil Procedure for the purposes of conducting an inspection pursuant to this directive.
9. To protect health, safety, and the environment during this drought emergency, a county, city, or other public agency shall not:
 - a. Approve a permit for a new groundwater well or for alteration of an existing well in a basin subject to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and classified as medium- or high-priority without first obtaining written verification from a Groundwater Sustainability Agency managing the basin or area of the basin where the well is proposed to be located that groundwater extraction by the proposed well would not be inconsistent with any sustainable groundwater management program established in any applicable Groundwater Sustainability Plan adopted by that Groundwater Sustainability

Agency and would not decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal for the basin covered by such a plan; or

- b. Issue a permit for a new groundwater well or for alteration of an existing well without first determining that extraction of groundwater from the proposed well is (1) not likely to interfere with the production and functioning of existing nearby wells, and (2) not likely to cause subsidence that would adversely impact or damage nearby infrastructure.

This paragraph shall not apply to permits for wells that will provide less than two acre-feet per year of groundwater for individual domestic users, or that will exclusively provide groundwater to public water supply systems as defined in section 116275 of the Health and Safety Code.

10. To address household or small community drinking water shortages dependent upon groundwater wells that have failed due to drought conditions, the Department of Water Resources shall work with other state agencies to investigate expedited regulatory pathways to modify, repair, or reconstruct failed household or small community or public supply wells, while recognizing the need to ensure the sustainability of such wells as provided for in paragraph 9.
11. State agencies shall collaborate with tribes and federal, regional, and local agencies on actions related to promoting groundwater recharge and increasing storage.
12. To help advance groundwater recharge projects, and to demonstrate the feasibility of projects that can use available high water flows to recharge local groundwater while minimizing flood risks, the Water Board and Regional Water Quality Control Boards shall prioritize water right permits, water quality certifications, waste discharge requirements, and conditional waivers of waste discharge requirements to accelerate approvals for projects that enhance the ability of a local or state agency to capture high precipitation events for local storage or recharge, consistent with water right priorities and protections for fish and wildlife. For the purposes of carrying out this paragraph, Division 13 (commencing with section 21000) of the Public Resources Code and regulations adopted pursuant to that Division, and Chapter 3 (commencing with section 85225) of Part 3 of Division 35 of the Water Code and regulations adopted pursuant thereto are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to address the impacts of the drought. This suspension applies to (a) any actions taken by state agencies, (b) any actions taken by local agencies where the state agency with primary responsibility for the implementation of the directives concurs that local action is required, and (c) permits necessary to carry out actions under (a) or (b). The entities implementing these directives shall maintain on their websites a list of all activities or approvals for which these provisions are suspended.
13. With respect to recharge projects under either Flood-Managed Aquifer Recharge or the Department of Water Resources Sustainable

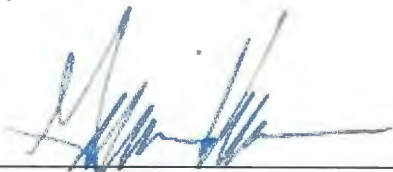
Groundwater Management Grant Program occurring on open and working lands to replenish and store water in groundwater basins that will help mitigate groundwater conditions impacted by drought, for any (a) actions taken by state agencies, (b) actions taken by a local agency where the Department of Water Resources concurs that local action is required, and (c) permits necessary to carry out actions under (a) or (b), Public Resources Code, Division 13 (commencing with section 21000) and regulations adopted pursuant to that Division are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to address the impacts of the drought. The entities implementing these directives shall maintain on their websites a list of all activities or approvals for which these provisions are suspended.

14. To increase resilience of state water supplies during prolonged drought conditions, the Department of Water Resources shall prepare for the potential creation and implementation of a multi-year transfer program pilot project for the purpose of acquiring water from willing partners and storing and conveying water to areas of need.
15. By April 15, 2022, state agencies shall submit to the Department of Finance for my consideration proposals to mitigate the worsening effects of severe drought, including emergency assistance to communities and households and others facing water shortages as a result of the drought, facilitation of groundwater recharge and wastewater recycling, improvements in water use efficiency, protection of fish and wildlife, mitigation of drought-related economic or water-supply disruption, and other potential investments to support short- and long-term drought response.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that as soon as hereafter possible, this Order be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Order.

This Order is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 28th day of March 2022.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State

ATTACHMENT 7

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

RESOLUTION 9305

**DECLARING A WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCY CONDITION AND IMPLEMENTING AN
EMERGENCY WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM IN PORTIONS OF ITS SERVICE AREA**

WHEREAS, Severe Drought Conditions Are Constraining Available Water Supplies from Northern California.

Beginning in water year 2020 (October 1, 2019, to September 30, 2020), the watersheds supplying the California State Water Project (SWP) received below-average precipitation. The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) classified water years 2020 and 2021 as dry and critically dry, respectively. Persistent dry conditions will likely result in a critically dry designation for water year 2022.

The three-year sequence of water years 2020 - 2022 (October 1, 2019, through September 30, 2022) is projected to be the driest on record in California for statewide precipitation. Precipitation in Northern California during the three months from January through March 2022 was the driest on record for that region.

In addition to reduced precipitation since 2020, California's climate is transitioning to a warmer setting in which historical relationships among temperature, precipitation, and runoff are changing. In 2021, the DWR's snowmelt runoff forecast over-estimated the runoff that occurred by 68 percent. In 2022, DWR's median runoff forecast for the Sacramento River dropped from 16.7 to 9.7 million acre-feet, a reduction of 42 percent.

WHEREAS, Governor Newsom Has Declared a State of Emergency to Exist in All California Counties Due to These Severe Drought Conditions.

On October 19, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency to exist in all California counties due to worsening drought conditions. This proclamation follows other increasingly expansive drought declarations and executive orders that have been issued since April 2021.

At that time, Governor Newsom called on Californians to re-double their efforts to reduce water use by 15 percent and for local and regional water agencies to implement their Water Shortage Contingency Plans (WSCPs) "at a level appropriate to local conditions that takes into account the possibility of a third consecutive dry year."

WHEREAS, Governor Newsom Has Issued an Executive Order Calling on Urban Water Suppliers to Activate Their Water Shortage Contingency Plans.

As part of their Urban Water Management Plans (UWMPs), local and regional water providers are required to prepare and adopt WSCPs. These plans identify voluntary and mandatory response actions that will be taken under various water shortage conditions. These actions may include mandatory conservation activities to reduce water use by 10 to 50 percent, depending on the severity of the shortage.

Due to worsening drought conditions, including a record-breaking dry period in January and February, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-7-22 on March 28, 2022, specifically requiring all urban water suppliers to implement, at a minimum, the response actions identified in their WSCPs for a shortage level of up to 20 percent (Level 2).

This executive order further encouraged urban water suppliers to conserve more than the minimum required and to voluntarily activate more stringent local requirements based on a shortage level of up to 30 percent (Level 3).

WHEREAS, Metropolitan’s State Water Project Supplies Have Been and Are Being Curtailed.

On March 18, 2022, DWR reduced the SWP Table A allocation for 2022 from 15 to only five percent of contract amounts. Table A allocations for 2020 and 2021 were 20 and five percent, respectively. The last three years marks the lowest three-year combined deliveries of allocated water in the history of the SWP.

Three consecutive years of low Table A allocations have strained water supplies for portions of Metropolitan’s service area that currently are served primarily through the SWP. Referred to as the “SWP Dependent Area,” this area has limited or no access to Colorado River Supplies.

As a result, there will be insufficient SWP supplies this year to meet the minimum human health and safety (HH&S) needs in the SWP Dependent Area. HH&S needs are defined as “the amount of water necessary for prevention of adverse impacts to human health and safety, for which there is no feasible alternative supply.” In general, HH&S needs are limited to domestic supply, sanitation, public health and fire protection purposes, and cannot exceed 55 gallons per person per day.

To supplement the low Table A allocation, DWR has agreed to provide additional SWP supplies to SWP contractors if necessary to fulfill their unmet HH&S needs. However, DWR is requiring any SWP contractor receiving such supplies to impose mandatory restrictions on water use within its service area consistent with these emergency circumstances. DWR also is requiring any SWP water accessed for HH&S purposes be returned to the state within five years or as wetter conditions return.

WHEREAS, Metropolitan’s SWP Supplies Are Essential to Meet the Total Demands of Its Member Agencies.

Over the past 20 years, the SWP has provided about 30 percent of the region’s total water needs and a portion of the supply delivered to each of Metropolitan’s 26 Member Agencies.

Diamond Valley Lake, Metropolitan’s largest surface water reservoir and source of dry-year and emergency water supplies, has only been replenished with SWP supplies since the discovery of Quagga mussels in Colorado River water in Jan. 2007.

Under a five percent Table A allocation, Metropolitan cannot meet normal demands in the SWP Dependent Area, serve SWP supplies to other Member Agencies, or replenish storage in Diamond Valley Lake.

WHEREAS, Metropolitan, Its Member Agencies, and Others in the Region Have Taken Extraordinary Steps to Reduce Demands and Bolster Supplies.

In conjunction with its Member Agencies, counties, cities, and wholesale and retail water suppliers, Metropolitan decreased potable water demands within the service area by 40 percent, roughly 80 gallons per person per day, since 1990.

Metropolitan has invested \$1.5 billion in conservation, local water recycling, and local groundwater recovery since 1990, resulting in a cumulative savings of nearly 7.6 million acre-feet.

Metropolitan has invested more than \$3 billion in increasing storage capacity with Diamond Valley Lake and conveyance capacity with the Inland Feeder to capture SWP supply when available for later use in dry years.

Local water suppliers and communities have also made multi-billion-dollar strategic and forward-looking investments in water conservation (within and outside the MWD service area), water recycling, stormwater capture and reuse, groundwater storage, seawater desalination and other strategies to improve drought resilience.

Water conserved throughout the service area, among other things, has helped preserve storage in Metropolitan’s diverse storage portfolio during these dry conditions.

Continued action by Southern California residents to conserve water and extend local groundwater and surface water supplies will provide greater resilience if the drought continues in future years.

Metropolitan established the Member Agency Administered Program (MAAP) to assist Member Agencies in implementing local conservation activities. A portion of the funded projects can be used when water savings are not readily quantifiable, such as drought messaging and local water-use related code enforcement programs.

WHEREAS, Metropolitan and Its Member Agencies Have Taken Specific Actions to Preserve SWP Supplies.

Metropolitan and its Member Agencies have invested billions of dollars to preserve and enhance the availability and utilization of local supplies and, in turn, to decrease the overall use of Metropolitan’s imported supplies.

Metropolitan has established water management programs to increase Member Agency flexibility to shift from or temporarily defer taking Metropolitan’s supply from the SWP.

In 2021 and 2022, Metropolitan made targeted investments in its delivery system to reduce Member Agency dependency on SWP supplies. These investments have significantly improved operational flexibility, allowing delivery of water from either of Metropolitan’s two imported supply sources to most of the service area.

Metropolitan’s Member Agencies have, where feasible, operated their systems to reduce dependency on Metropolitan’s supply delivered through service connections fed from the SWP system.

On August 17, 2021, Metropolitan’s Board adopted a resolution declaring a “Condition 2 – Water Supply Alert” to preserve Metropolitan’s supply for the region.

On November 9, 2021, Metropolitan’s Board adopted a resolution recognizing the statewide drought emergency, declaring specified emergency conditions to exist within portions of its service area, and calling on Member Agencies to take various actions to preserve Metropolitan’s supply from the SWP. Among other things, Member Agencies were urged to make all reasonably practicable changes in their operations and to implement mandatory conservation and efficiency measures to reduce the use of SWP supplies.

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Has Determined that It Must Take Additional Actions Immediately to Conserve the Remaining Available SWP Supplies.

In December 2014, Metropolitan’s Board adopted a revised Water Supply Allocation Plan (WSAP) pursuant to which it may determine that a regional shortage exists, establish a regional shortage level, and impose an Allocation Surcharge on Member Agencies for water use above a predetermined allotment. The WSAP was designed and intended only for use during periods of regionwide water shortages and requires a more extended period to implement. As such, the current WSAP cannot effectively or efficiently address the water shortages anticipated to occur this year in the SWP Dependent Area.

Likewise, while actions being taken pursuant to the November 9, 2021, Board resolution are helpful, they are not sufficient to address in a timely manner the urgent circumstances present in the SWP Dependent Area. That resolution specifically noted that if drought conditions persisted or worsened, Metropolitan’s Board would consider declaring a Water Shortage Emergency Condition and imposing appropriate regulations, restrictions and penalties to conserve Metropolitan’s water supplies.

Unfortunately, drought conditions have persisted, and the water supply outlook has worsened, particularly with respect to SWP supplies. Accordingly, Metropolitan believes it is necessary, desirable, and in the best interests of Metropolitan and its Member Agencies to declare that a Water Shortage Emergency Condition exists in the SWP Dependent Area, to adopt the framework for an Emergency Water Conservation Program encompassing the SWP Dependent Area, and to take certain other actions as set forth below and described in Board Letter 7-1 dated April 26, 2022, so as to reduce water use and preserve remaining SWP supplies.

Adopting an Emergency Water Conservation Program is consistent with actions taken by our Member Agencies and other retail agencies and will assist Metropolitan and its Member Agencies in public outreach efforts to communicate the severity of the current drought and the need for conservation and collective action.

Metropolitan further believes that it is necessary, desirable, and in the best interest of Metropolitan to work closely with Member Agencies to identify near-term actions to address this drought emergency and to grant the General Manager certain additional powers and authorities to assist in carrying out such activities promptly.

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Is Authorized and Required to Take These Additional Actions.

Article X, Section 2 of the California Constitution requires all water resources in the state to be put to beneficial use and prohibits the waste or unreasonable use of such resources. What constitutes reasonable use is dependent on exigent circumstances, and may change during periods of drought.

Water Code Section 350 *et seq.* requires the distributor of a public water supply to declare that a water shortage emergency condition exists “whenever it finds and determines that the ordinary demands and requirements of water consumers cannot be satisfied without depleting the water supply needed for human consumption, sanitation, and fire protection.” Upon making such a declaration, the water supplier is authorized to adopt such regulations and restrictions as will, in its sound discretion, “conserve the water supply for the greatest public benefit with particular regard to domestic use, sanitation, and fire protection.”

Water Code Section 375 *et seq.* authorizes retail and wholesale water providers to adopt water and enforce conservation programs, which may include specific water-use limitations. Water providers may impose civil and criminal penalties for violating the requirements of such programs and/or may enforce water-use limitations by imposing “a volumetric penalty in an amount established by the public entity.”

Water Code Section 10620 *et seq.* requires every urban water supplier to prepare and adopt an UWMP, which must include a WSCP to be implemented during times of shortage. Governor Newsom has directed all urban water suppliers to implement, at a minimum, the response actions identified in their WSCPs for a shortage level of up to 20 percent (Level 2).

DWR is requiring any SWP contractor receiving HH&S supplies to impose mandatory restrictions on water use within its service area consistent with these emergency circumstances.

The Metropolitan District Act and Metropolitan’s Administrative Code authorize and support taking specific actions to address the current drought emergency. In particular, Administrative Code Section 4512 provides that deliveries of water “shall be subject to operational, supply or demand conditions, as determined by the General Manager.”

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Held a Noticed Public Hearing to Receive Input on These Additional Actions.

On April 26, 2022, a public hearing was held to receive input, comments, and/or protests on the proposed declaration of a Water Shortage Emergency Condition and adoption of the framework of an Emergency Water Conservation Program for the SWP Dependent Area, as well as the other actions set forth below and described in Board Letter 7-1 dated April 26, 2022. A copy of Board Letter 7-1 was posted on Metropolitan’s website (<https://mwdh2o.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>) and was available for review prior to the hearing.

Notice of this hearing was published on April 14, 2022, in six different newspapers of general circulation encompassing all six counties within Metropolitan’s service area: *Los Angeles Times* (Los Angeles County), *Orange County Register* (Orange County), *Inland Valley Daily Bulletin* (San Bernardino County), *Ventura County Star* (Ventura County), *Press Enterprise* (Riverside County), and *San Diego Union Tribune* (San Diego County).

At this public hearing, Metropolitan’s Board received information, comments, testimony, and other evidence provided by Board members, Member Agency representatives, staff, and the public pertaining to these matters, and all persons present were given an opportunity to be heard.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California hereby declares a **Water Shortage Emergency Condition** to exist in the SWP Dependent Area. Per this declaration, the Board calls on all Member Agencies to:

- (1) Make all possible changes in their operations to reduce their use of Metropolitan's SWP supplies.
- (2) Immediately mandate and implement such conservation requirements, water-use efficiency measures, and drought-related limitations consistent with their WSCPs and substantively conforming to the Emergency Water Conservation Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Manager is hereby authorized and directed to finalize and implement an **Emergency Water Conservation Program** in the SWP Dependent Area, subject to the following conditions:

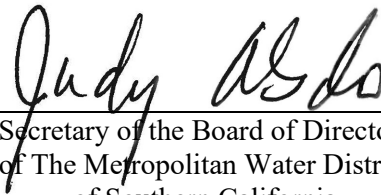
- (1) The Emergency Water Conservation Program shall conform to the framework outlined in Board Letter 7-1, dated April 26, 2022. (A copy of this Board Letter may be accessed through Metropolitan's website at <https://mwdh2o.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.) This framework includes volumetric penalties for non-compliance of up to \$2,000 per acre-foot for use exceeding specified allocation limits.
- (2) The Emergency Water Conservation Program shall include a provision for Member Agencies in the SWP Dependent Area to use 100 percent of their MAAP allocations for any conservation-related activities and projects, even where the water savings from such activities and projects are not readily quantifiable. Uses of MAAP funding could include drought-related actions, messaging, and code enforcement. Upon termination of the Emergency Water Conservation Program, the MAAP allocations would revert back to the previously established formula for non-documented water-saving program funding requests.
- (3) The General Manager shall consult with all affected Member Agencies on the final terms of the Emergency Water Conservation Program.
- (4) The General Manager shall finalize the Emergency Water Conservation Program within 30 days of Board adoption of this resolution.
- (5) The Emergency Conservation Program shall continue through Jun. 30, 2023, unless otherwise terminated as described below.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Manager is hereby directed to continue the actions and activities specified in August 17, 2021, and November 9, 2021, Board resolutions, except as expanded or limited herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby declares Metropolitan's support for the Governor's Executive Order N-7-22 and directs staff to work with the relevant state agencies to implement the Executive Order.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, should drought conditions persist in the coming months, or should demand management actions not sufficiently preserve available supplies, the General Manager may impose additional conditions or requirements as part of the Emergency Water Conservation Program described in Board Letter 7-1, which may include a prohibition on all outdoor uses of water or a requirement for affected Member Agencies to conform to specified volumetric limits.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California at its meeting held on Apr. 26, 2022.



Judy Adams

Secretary of the Board of Directors
of The Metropolitan Water District
of Southern California

ATTACHMENT 8

NEWS RELEASE



May 11, 2022

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Upper District Board Adopts Emergency Water Conservation Program

Program aims to immediately reduce water use by 20 percent to preserve limited supplies

Monrovia, CA — Residents of the San Gabriel Valley are being asked to conserve 20 percent of their household water use and limit outdoor watering to two days a week under an unprecedented action taken today by the Board of Directors for the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (Upper District).

The Emergency Water Conservation Program, unanimously adopted today by Upper District's Board of Directors, applies to the 18 cities and 22 water retailers in the San Gabriel Valley. This action follows Metropolitan Water District's declaration of a Water Shortage Emergency for the State Water Project (SWP) dependent areas which requires SWP dependent areas to immediately cut water use by June 1, 2022.

Under the Emergency Water Conservation Program, the General Manager will continue to work with Metropolitan to implement the volumetric option for Upper District's service area. Additionally, the Program will reinforce the actions under Upper District's Water Shortage Contingency Plan – Level 2 and require robust conservation efforts for the region. The resolution calls for a 20 percent water use reduction and limits outdoor irrigation to two days per week for all Upper District's retail water agencies.

“The Board recognizes the severity of the drought and the effects of climate change to our local water supply. Imposing these restrictions is unprecedented, but we, but we must mitigate for the unprecedented reductions from the State Water Project,” stated Upper District Board President Ed Chavez. “We are committed to working with our water retailers and cities to ensure our residents have the resources needed to conserve water in their homes.”

Imported water supplies from the SWP help replenish the Main San Gabriel Groundwater Basin which accounts for 20 percent of the region's local water resources. Imported water is delivered from the State Water Project, which the Department of Water Resources announced an allocation cut from 15 percent to 5 percent on March 18, 2022.

Additionally, under the Emergency Water Conservation Program, Upper District will expand its public outreach and education activities in the region to increase water conservation awareness and preserve the water storage levels of the groundwater basin. Upper District will implement a district-wide drought communications plan to support water use reductions and urges all local water suppliers and city councils to help their customers and constituents meet the 20 percent reduction.

Upper District's mission is to provide a reliable, sustainable, diversified, and affordable portfolio of high-quality water supplies to the San Gabriel Valley; including water conservation, recycled water, storm water capture, storage, water transfers and imported water. Upper District services nearly 900,000 residents in its 144 square mile service territory. Upper District serves all or parts of the following cities: Arcadia, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Bradbury, City of Industry, Covina, El Monte, Glendora, Duarte, Irwindale, La Puente, Monrovia, Rosemead, San Gabriel, South El Monte, South Pasadena, Temple City, and West Covina. Governed by a five-member elected board of directors, Upper District is a member agency of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Annually, more than 78 billion gallons of water is used in Upper District's service area. For more information about Upper District, please visit our website www.upperdistrict.org or call 626-443-2297.

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ATTACHMENT 9

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-0018**

TO ADOPT AN EMERGENCY REGULATION
TO REDUCE WATER DEMAND AND IMPROVE WATER CONSERVATION

WHEREAS:

1. On April 21, May 10, July 8, and October 19, 2021, Governor Newsom issued proclamations that a state of emergency exists statewide due to severe drought conditions and directed state agencies to take immediate action to preserve critical water supplies and mitigate the effects of drought and ensure the protection of health, safety, and the environment.
2. These proclamations urge Californians to reduce their water use.
3. On March 28, 2022, Governor Newsom signed an Executive Order directing the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board) to consider adopting emergency regulations to increase water conservation. The Executive Order includes a request that the Board require urban water suppliers to implement Level 2 of their water shortage contingency plans, establish water shortage response actions for urban water suppliers that have not submitted water shortage contingency plans, taking into consideration model actions that the Department of Water Resources, and establish a ban on the irrigation of non-functional turf by entities in the commercial, industrial, and institutional sectors.
4. Many Californians and urban water suppliers have taken bold steps over the years to reduce water use; nevertheless, the severity of the current drought requires additional conservation actions from urban water suppliers, residents, and the commercial, industrial, and institutional sectors.
5. Water conservation is the easiest, most efficient, and most cost-effective way to quickly reduce water demand and extend limited water supplies through this summer and into the next year, providing flexibility for all California communities. Water saved is water available next year, giving water suppliers added flexibility to manage their systems effectively over time. The more water that is conserved now, the less likely it is that a community will experience dire shortages that may require water rationing or other emergency actions.
6. Most Californians use more water outdoors than indoors. In many areas, 50 percent or more of daily water use is for irrigation of lawns and outdoor landscaping irrigation. Outdoor water use is generally discretionary, and many irrigated landscapes would not suffer greatly from receiving a decreased amount of water.

7. The use of potable water to irrigate turf on commercial, industrial, or institutional properties that is not regularly used for human recreational purposes or for civic or community events can be reduced in commercial, industrial, and institutional areas to protect local water resources and enhance water resiliency.
8. Public information and awareness are critical to achieving conservation goals, and the Save Our Water campaign ([SaveOurWater.com](https://www.saveourwater.com)), run jointly by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the Association of California Water Agencies, is an excellent resource for conservation information and messaging that is integral to effective drought response.
9. [SaveWater.CA.Gov](https://www.savewater.ca.gov) is an online tool designed to help save water in communities. This website lets anyone easily report water waste from their phone, tablet, or computer by simply selecting the type of water waste they see, typing in the address where the waste is occurring, and clicking send. These reports are filed directly with the State Water Board and relevant local water supplier.
10. Enforcement against water waste is a key tool in conservation programs. When conservation becomes a social norm in a community, the need for enforcement is reduced or eliminated.
11. On March 28, 2022, the Governor suspended the environmental review required by the California Environmental Quality Act to allow State Water Board-adopted drought conservation emergency regulations and other actions to take place quickly to respond to emergency conditions.
12. Water Code section 1058.5 grants the State Water Board the authority to adopt emergency regulations in certain drought years in order to: “prevent the waste, unreasonable use, unreasonable method of use, or unreasonable method of diversion, of water, to promote water recycling or water conservation, to require curtailment of diversions when water is not available under the diverter’s priority of right, or in furtherance of any of the foregoing, to require reporting of diversion or use or the preparation of monitoring reports.”
13. On May 13, 2022, the State Water Board issued public notice that it will consider the adoption of the regulation at the Board’s regularly scheduled May 24, 2022 public meeting, in accordance with applicable State laws and regulations. The State Water Board also distributed for public review and comment a Finding of Emergency that complies with State laws and regulations.
14. The emergency regulation exempts suppliers from enforcing connection moratoria, if their Level 2 demand management actions call for them, because new residential connections are critical to addressing the state’s housing supply shortage. However, the Board recognizes connections for other projects may not be appropriate given the shortage conditions and urges water suppliers to carefully evaluate new development projects for their water use impacts.

15. Disadvantaged communities may require assistance responding to Level 2 conservation requirements, including irrigation restrictions, temporary changes to rate structures, and prohibited water uses. State shortage contingency plans aimed at increasing water conservation, and state and local agencies should look for opportunities to provide assistance in promoting water conservation. This assistance should include but not be limited to translation of regulation text and dissemination of water conservation announcements into languages spoken by at least 10 percent of the people who reside in a water supplier's service area, such as in newspaper advertisements, bill inserts, website homepage, social media, and notices in public libraries.
16. The Board directs staff to consider the following in pursuing any enforcement of section 996, subdivision (e): before imposing monetary penalties, staff shall provide one or more warnings; monetary penalties must be based on an ability to pay determination, consider allowing a payment plan of at least 12 months, and shall not result in a tax lien; and Board enforcement shall not result in shutoff.
17. The Board encourages entities other than Board staff that consider any enforcement of this regulation to apply these same factors identified in resolved paragraph 16. Nothing in the regulation or in the enforcement provisions of the regulation precludes a local agency from exercising its authority to adopt more stringent conservation measures. Moreover, the Water Code does not impose a mandatory penalty for violations of the regulation adopted by this resolution, and local agencies retain their enforcement discretion in enforcing the regulation, to the extent authorized, and may develop their own progressive enforcement practices to encourage conservation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The State Water Board adopts California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 996, as appended to this resolution as an emergency regulation that applies to urban water suppliers, as defined by Water Code section 10617.
2. State Water Board staff shall submit the regulation to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for final approval.
3. If, during the approval process, State Water Board staff, the State Water Board, or OAL determines that minor corrections to the language of the regulation or supporting documentation are needed for clarity or consistency, the State Water Board Executive Director or designee may make such changes.

4. This regulation shall remain in effect for one year after filing with the Secretary of State unless the State Water Board determines that it is no longer necessary due to changed conditions or unless the State Water Board renews the regulation due to continued drought conditions, as described in Water Code section 1058.5.
5. The State Water Board directs State Water Board staff to work with the Department of Water Resources and the Save Our Water campaign to disseminate information regarding the emergency regulation.
6. The State Water Board directs staff to, by January 1, 2023, survey urban water suppliers on their experience protecting trees and tree cover during drought, with attention to disadvantaged communities. The survey shall inquire about challenges encountered, strategies used, costs, and successes in protecting trees.
7. Nothing in the regulation or in the enforcement provisions of the regulation precludes a local agency from exercising its authority to adopt more stringent conservation measures. Local agencies are encouraged to develop their own progressive enforcement practices to promote conservation.

CERTIFICATION


The undersigned Clerk to the Board does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on May 24, 2022.

AYE: Chair E. Joaquin Esquivel
Vice Chair Dorene D'Adamo
Board Member Sean Maguire
Board Member Laurel Firestone

NAY: None

ABSENT: Board Member Nichole Morgan

ABSTAIN: None



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board

ADOPTED EMERGENCY REGULATION TEXT

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Title 23. Waters

Division 3. State Water Resources Control Board and Regional Water Quality Control Boards

Chapter 3.5. Urban Water Use Efficiency and Conservation

Article 2. Prevention of Drought Wasteful Water Uses

§ 996. Urban Drought Response Actions

(a) As used in this section:

(1) “Commercial, industrial and institutional” refers to commercial water users, industrial water users, and institutional water users as respectively defined in Water Code, section 10608.12, subdivisions (e), (i), and (j), and includes homeowners’ associations, common interest developments, community service organizations, and other similar entities but does not include the residences of these entities’ members or separate interests.

(2) “Common interest development” has the same meaning as in section 4100 of the Civil Code.

(3) “Community service organization or similar entity” has the same meaning as in section 4110 of the Civil Code.

(4) “Homeowners’ association” means an “association” as defined in section 4080 of the Civil Code.

(5) “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.

(6) “Plant factor” has the same meaning as in section 491.

(7) “Separate interest” has the same meaning as in section 4185 of the Civil Code.

(8) “Turf” has the same meaning as in section 491.

(9) “Urban water supplier” has the same meaning as Water Code section 10617.

(10) “Water shortage contingency plan” means the plan required by Water Code section 10632.

(b) Each urban water supplier shall submit to the Department of Water Resources a preliminary annual water supply and demand assessment consistent with section

10632.1 of the Water Code no later than June 1, 2022, and submit a final annual water supply and demand assessment to the Department of Water Resources no later than the deadline set by section 10632.1 of the Water Code.

- (c) (1) Each urban water supplier that has submitted a water shortage contingency plan to the Department of Water Resources shall implement by June 10, 2022, at a minimum, all demand reduction actions identified in the supplier's water shortage contingency plan adopted under Water Code 10632 for a shortage level of ten (10) to twenty (20) percent (Level 2).
- (2) Notwithstanding subdivision (c)(1), urban water suppliers shall not be required to implement new residential connection moratoria pursuant to this section.
- (3) Notwithstanding subdivision (c)(1), an urban water supplier may implement the actions identified in subdivision (d) in lieu of implementing the demand reduction actions identified in the supplier's water shortage contingency plan adopted under Water Code section 10632 for a shortage level of ten (10) to twenty (20) percent (Level 2), provided the supplier meets all of the following:
- (i) The supplier's annual water supply and demand assessment submitted to the Department of Water Resources demonstrates an ability to maintain reliable supply until September 30, 2023.
- (ii) The supplier does not rely on, for any part of its supply, the Colorado River, State Water Project, or Central Valley Project, and no more than ten (10) percent of its supply comes from critically overdrafted groundwater basins as designated by the Department of Water Resources.
- (iii) The supplier's average number of gallons of water used per person per day by residential customers for the year 2020 is below 55 gallons, as reported to the Board in the Electronic Annual Report.
- (d) Each urban water supplier that has not submitted a water shortage contingency plan to the Department of Water Resources shall, by June 10, 2022, and continuing until the supplier has implemented all demand reduction actions identified in the supplier's water shortage contingency plan adopted under Water Code 10632 for a shortage level of ten (10) to twenty (20) percent (Level 2), implement at a minimum the following actions:
- (1) Initiate a public information and outreach campaign for water conservation and promptly and effectively reach the supplier's customers, using efforts such as email, paper mail, bill inserts, customer app notifications, news articles, websites, community events, radio and television, billboards, and social media.
- (2) Implement and enforce a rule or ordinance limiting landscape irrigation with potable water to no more than two (2) days per week and prohibiting landscape irrigation with potable water between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- (3) Implement and enforce a rule or ordinance banning, at a minimum, the water uses prohibited by section 995. Adoption of a rule or ordinance is not required if the supplier has authority to enforce, as infractions, the prohibitions in section 995 and takes enforcement against violations.

- (e) (1) To prevent the unreasonable use of water and to promote water conservation, the use of potable water is prohibited for the irrigation of non-functional turf at commercial, industrial, and institutional sites.
- (2) Notwithstanding subdivision (e)(1), the use of water is not prohibited by this section 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.
- (3) Notwithstanding subdivision (e)(1), 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.
- (f) The taking of any action prohibited in subdivision (e) is an infraction punishable by a fine of up to five hundred dollars (\$500) for each day in which the violation occurs. The fine for the infraction is in addition to, and does not supersede or limit, any other remedies, civil or criminal.
- (g) A decision or order issued under this section by the Board, or an officer or employee of the Board, is subject to reconsideration under article 2 (commencing with section 1122) of chapter 4 of part 1 of division 2 of the Water Code.

Authority: Section 1058.5, Water Code.

References: Article X, Section 2, California Constitution; Sections 4080, 4100, 4110, and 4185, Civil Code; Section 8627.7, Government Code; Sections 102, 104, 105, 275, 350, 377, 491, 1122, 10608.12, 10617, 10632, and 10632.1, Water Code; *Light v. State Water Resources Control Board* (2014) 226 Cal.App.4th 1463; *Stanford Vina Ranch Irrigation Co. v. State of California* (2020) 50 Cal.App.5th 976.