

Water Shortage Contingency Plan

Table 4. Demand Reduction Actions

Shortage Level	ID	Demand Reduction Actions	Expected Relative Impact	Penalty or Enforcement
1	1.1	Applying any water to outdoor landscapes in a manner that causes runoff such that water flows onto adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, parking lots, or structures is prohibited.	Low	No
	1.2	Using any water in a fountain or other decorative water feature is prohibited, unless the water recirculates.	Low	No
	1.3	Applying water to driveways, sidewalks, concrete or asphalt is prohibited unless to address immediate health and safety needs. Reasonable pressure washer or water broom use is permitted.	Low	No
	1.4	Spray irrigation of outdoor landscapes during and within 48 hours after rainfall of 0.10 inches is prohibited.	Low	No
	1.5	Using a hose to wash a vehicle, windows, or solar panels is prohibited unless an automatic shut-off nozzle or pressure washer is used.	Low	No
	1.6	Broken sprinklers shall be repaired within five business days of notification by agency, and leaks shall be repaired as soon as practical.	Low	No
	1.7	Draining and refilling of private swimming pools is discouraged, unless necessary for health and safety or leak repair.	Low	No
	1.8	Hotels will provide guests the option of choosing not to have towels and linens laundered daily.	Low	No
	1.9	Agency shall discourage overseeding.	Low	No
	1.10	Agency shall provide rebates for landscape efficiency.	High	No
	1.11	Agency shall offer water use surveys/audits.	Medium	No
	1.12	Agency shall provide rebates on plumbing fixtures and devices.	Medium	No
2	2.1	Outdoor water use is prohibited during daylight hours for spray irrigation except for leak checks or with an agency approved conservation alternative plan.	Medium	Yes
	2.2	Restaurants can serve water only on request.	Low	Yes
	2.3	Agency shall encourage use of non-potable water for construction, if available.	Low	No
	2.4	Agency shall actively discourage overseeding.	Medium	No
	2.5	Agency shall reduce outdoor water budget by 10%	Medium	Yes
	2.6	Agency shall expand public information campaign.	Medium	No
	2.7	Agency shall increase water waste patrols.	Medium	Yes
	2.8	Agency shall reduce hydrant and dead-end line flushing.	Low	No
3	3.1	Outdoor water use is allowed only three days a week for spray irrigation (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday).	High	Yes
	3.2	Drip or subterranean irrigation is allowed seven days per week, during non-daylight hours.	Medium	Yes
	3.3	Commercial nurseries are to use water only on alternate days during non-daylight hours for outside operations.	Low	Yes

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	3.4	Decorative ponds, non-irrigation system golf course water hazards, fountains, and other waterscape features are not to be filled or replenished.	Low	Yes
	3.5	No filling of swimming pools or landscaping ponds unless necessary for health and safety or leak repair.	Low	Yes
	3.6	Commercial car washes must use recycled water or recirculating water systems.	Medium	Yes
	3.7	Spray irrigation of medians and parkways is prohibited.	Medium	Yes
	3.8	Agency shall encourage counties, cities, Homeowners Associations (HOAs) and other enforcement agencies to suspend code enforcement and fines for brown turfgrass areas and to otherwise comply with new State laws regarding limitations on such enforcement.	Low	No
	3.9	Agency shall strengthen customer billing messages with use comparisons.	Medium	No
	3.10	Agency shall implement water use audits targeted to key customers to ensure compliance with directives.	Medium	No
	3.11	Agency shall expand rebate programs.	Medium	No
4	4.1	Turfgrass landscapes may not be watered except where subterranean or non-potable water systems are used.	High	Yes
	4.2	Agency shall implement or modify drought rate surcharge.	High	Yes
	4.3	Agency shall reduce outdoor water budget by up to 25%.	High	Yes
	4.4	Agency shall expand public information campaign.	Medium	No
5	5.1	Watering turfgrass is prohibited.	High	Yes
	5.2	The use of misting systems is prohibited.	Medium	Yes
	5.3	Turfgrass at parks and school grounds are to be watered with recycled water, if available, or not at all.	Medium	Yes
	5.4	Golf course greens and tees may be watered no more than two times per week during non-daylight hours with recycled water, or not at all.	Medium	Yes
	5.5	Trees, desert plants and shrubs may be watered only with drip, subterranean or non-adjustable bubbler irrigation systems during non-daylight hours.	High	Yes
	5.6	Agency shall reduce outdoor water budget by up to 50%.	High	Yes
	5.7	Agency shall impose moratorium or net zero demand on new connections.	N/A	Yes
6	6.1	Commercial nurseries shall discontinue all use of potable water for watering and irrigation.	Low	Yes
	6.2	Watering of livestock is permitted as necessary.	N/A	Yes
	6.3	Outdoor water use is prohibited.	High	Yes
	6.4	Restaurants must use disposable cups, plates, and utensils.	Low	Yes
	6.5	Agency shall implement mandatory rationing.	High	Yes