



ORDINANCE AMENDING TABLE 6.14.040A AND CHAPTER 14.22 OF THE RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL CODE TO UPDATE THE WATER CONSERVATION ORDINANCE

Riverside Public Utilities

City Council
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BACKGROUND

1. Water Conservation Ordinance first adopted in July 2011 in Response statewide drought emergency
2. New legislation has led to multiple updates to the Ordinance
3. Last update was in 2015 in response to most recent statewide drought emergency
4. New water management planning law requires another update



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DISCUSSION

1. Water Conservation Ordinance serves as City's Water Shortage Contingency Plan
2. Establishes unreasonable uses of water and four water shortage levels and corresponding demand reduction actions
3. Senate Bill 606 calls for agencies to adopt six standard water shortage levels OR show how existing levels correlate to State's six levels



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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

Proposed amendments:

1. Clarify supply reduction percentages of each stage
2. Add fifth Water Conservation Stage
3. Increase watering flexibility for customers
4. Incorporate irrigation best practices

Riverside's Shortage Levels	Supply Condition	Supply Reduction	State's Standard Level	Shortage Level
1	Normal Water Supply	0%	1	≤10%
2	Minimum Water Shortage	15%	2	10-20%
3	Moderate Water Shortage	15-20%		
4	Severe Water Shortage	20-50%	3	20-30%
			4	30-40%
			5	40-50%
5	Emergency Water Shortage	>50%	6	>50%



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RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council introduce and subsequently adopt the attached Ordinance amending Table 6.14.040A and Chapter 14.22 of the Riverside Municipal Code.

