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DECLARE STAGE ONE OF WATER CONSERVATION ORDINANCE & COMPLY WITH THE SWRCB EXTENDED EMERGENCY DROUGHT REGULATIONS

Board of Public Utilities
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Water Conservation Ordinance Highlights

1. April 2011: Water Conservation Ordinance (WCO)
2. July 2014: Implemented Stages 1 and 2
Voluntary 15% reduction
3. June 2015: Implemented Stages 1 thru 3
Mandatory 28% reduction
4. June 2016: Stage 1
Self-certify 0% reduction on June 7, 2016

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Changes to Drought Ordinance

1. Unreasonable use definition now modeled on SWRCB's regulation
2. Eliminates duplication and standardizes ordinance language between sections
3. Clarifies exemptions for gray and recycled water, use of drip irrigation, and splash pads

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Unreasonable Uses of Water

Section 14.22.010 amended

- a. Limit irrigation runoff
- b. Hoses to be outfitted with shut-off nozzle when washing mobile equipment (e.g. vehicles, airplanes)
- c. No washing driveways or sidewalks with potable water
- d. No use of potable water in fountains or decorative water features unless recirculating

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Unreasonable Uses of Water

Section 14.22.010 amended (cont.)

- e. No irrigation within 48 hours of rain
- f. Drinking water to only be served upon request
- g. No irrigation of median turf with potable water
- h. Potable irrigation of new buildings must be consistent with regulations

Splash pads exempted from unreasonable use

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Changes to Drought Stages

1. Clarify that Stage 1 is voluntary
2. Eliminate duplication
3. Standardize ordinance language
4. Clarify exemptions for gray water, recycled water, drip irrigation and micro-spray irrigation
5. Language changes to make the ordinance easier to understand and consistent

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Recommendations

That the Board of Public Utilities recommend that City Council:

1. Adopt the proposed resolution declaring Stage 1 of the Water Conservation Ordinance.
2. Adopt the proposed urgency ordinance to comply with the State Water Board's extended emergency drought regulations.

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