

2020 UPDATE TO THE WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN

Riverside Public Utilities

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

- Each urban water supplier is required to prepare and adopt a Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) as part of its Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) every five years.
- 2. New requirement 2020 WSCP must be stand-alone document to be included and submitted with UWMP by July 1, 2021



BACKGROUND

 WSCP provides a roadmap for a water supplier to follow when a water shortage occurs due to any number of conditions (i.e. drought, regulatory action, emergency events)

2. Incorporates local conditions, constraints, and opportunities



WSCP REQUIREMENTS

	WSCP Requirements	Description		
1	Water Supply Reliability Analysis*	Summarizes Chapter 7 of UWMP		
2	Annual Water Supply & Demand Assessment Procedures*	Written decision-making process to determine annual water supply reliability		
3	Six Standard Water Shortage Percentage Levels*	Adopt six standard shortage levels or cross-reference existing stages		
4	Shortage Response Actions*	Specify supply augmentation, demand reduction, operational changes, local waste prohibitions, and shortage reduction for each action		
5	Communications Protocols*	Description of how shortage levels and response actions will be communicated to customers and stakeholders		
6	Compliance and Enforcement	Reference Code Enforcement procedures		
	*Denotes new 2020 WSCP requirements			



WSCP REQUIREMENTS (CONTINUED)

WSCP Requirements		Description		
7	Legal Authorities	Describe legal authority to declare water shortages		
8	Financial Consequences of WSCP Activation	Description of potential revenue impacts for shortage response actions		
9	Monitoring and Reporting	Description of monitoring and reporting customer response to mandatory shortage response actions		
10	WSCP Refinement Procedures*	Description for evaluating and improving WSCP		
11	Special Water Feature Definition*	Define water-supplied features (i.e. ponds, lakes, fountains)		
12	Plan Adoption, Submittal, & Availability	Documentation of steps taken to adopt and submit WSCP		
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DISCUSSION – WSCP ELEMENTS

Water Supply Reliability

- Groundwater
- Treatment
- Recycled Water
- •Imported Water

Supply & Demand Analyses

- Annual Procedures
- Available Supplies
- Water Use Demands

Shortage Response Implementation

- Shortage Stages
- Response Actions
- Communication Protocols

Performance Monitoring & Reporting

- Monitoring Supplies
- Customer Compliance Tracking
- Monthly Reporting



WATER SHORTAGE LEVELS

Described in City's Water Conservation Ordinance (Ch. 14.22 Riverside Muni Code)

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%



SHORTAGE RESPONSE IMPLEMENTATION

- 1- Normal Water Supply
- 2- Minimum Shortage
- 3- Moderate Shortage
- 4- Severe Shortage
- 5- Emergency Shortage

Shortage Levels

Communications Protocols

- Communicate shortage and actions
- Increase program marketing

- Shortage Response Actions
- Operational Changes
- Supply Augmentation
- Water Waste Enforcement

Response Actions



RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council adopt the 2020 update to the City of Riverside's Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

