

RESOLUTION NO. R2016-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RANCHO MURIETA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT REPEALING STAGE TWO WATER SHORTAGE CONDITION AND REVISING WATER USE RESTRICTIONS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Rancho Murieta Community Services District as follows:

1. **Recitals.** This resolution is made with reference to the following background recitals:

- (a) California and the Sacramento Valley experienced a serious multi-year drought. Consequently, on April 1, 2015, the Governor issued an Executive Order directing the State Water Resources Control Board ("SWRCB") to impose mandatory water usage restrictions to achieve a statewide twenty-five percent (25%) reduction in potable urban water usage through February 28, 2016. On May 9, 2016, the Governor issued a new Executive Order that continues in effect the April 1, 2015 and related orders and directs the SWRCB to adjust its emergency water conservation regulations to continue in effect through January 2017 and to address the differing water supply conditions across the state. On May 18, 2016, the SWRCB amended its emergency water conservation regulations.
- (b) The District's Water Shortage Contingency Plan sets forth the actions to be undertaken by the District during a water shortage. The plan groups water supply and conditions into five stages, with the "Normal Stage" used for normal water supply conditions and Stages 1 through 4 used for water shortage conditions of increasing severity.
- (c) As of May 23, 2016, the District water supply reservoirs are filled to near capacity and, locally, the District is not experiencing any drought conditions and is not anticipating any water supply shortage.
- (d) Amended California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 865(g) no longer requires public water supply distributors like the District to limit their customers' outdoor irrigation of ornamental landscapes or turf with potable water to no more than two (2) days per week, or to implement other water conservation measures to reduce total potable water production by 25% relative to the amount produced in 2013.
- (e) In Resolution No. 2015-06, the District Board declared a Stage 2 water shortage condition and imposed water usage restrictions to comply with the SWRCB's emergency water conservation regulations, conserve the State's declining water supplies, and work towards achieving the water conservation goals set forth in the Governor's April 1, 2015 Executive Order.

- (f) In light of the favorable water supply conditions and the expected amendment of the SWRCB emergency water conservation regulations, the Board determines that the District no longer is in a Stage 2 water shortage condition and that it is appropriate to lift the Stage 2 condition.

2. **Authority.** This Resolution is adopted pursuant to Government Code section 61060, California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 865, District Code chapter 14 (Water Code), the District's Water Shortage Contingency Plan, and other applicable law.

3. **Water Shortage Declaration Modified.** The Board of Directors repeals the Stage 2 water supply condition determination and the related water use restrictions. The Board determines that a Stage 1 water supply condition (water alert) exists in the District.

4. **Water Use Restrictions.** The Board of Directors encourages voluntary measures to decrease normal demand up to 10%. The Board directs staff to implement and monitor the Normal and Stage 1 actions and limitations in the District Water Shortage Contingency Plan, which are attached hereto for reference. The Board directs staff to comply with and implement California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 865(g) (as amended). The Board directs that the District enforce the following ongoing state-mandated prohibitions against certain water uses as set forth in title 23, section 864(a) (as amended), except where necessary to address an immediate health and safety need or to comply with a state or federal agency permit:

- (a) The application of potable 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;
- (b) The use of a hose that dispenses potable water to wash a motor vehicle, except where the hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle or device attached to it that causes it to cease dispensing water immediately when not in use;
- (c) The application of potable water to driveways and sidewalks;
- (d) The use of potable water in a fountain or other decorative water feature, except where the water is part of a recirculating system;
- (e) The application of potable water to outdoor landscapes during and within 48 hours after measurable rainfall;
- (f) The serving of drinking water other than upon request in eating or drinking establishments, including but not limited to restaurants, hotels, cafes, cafeterias, bars, or other public places where food or drink are served and/or purchased;
- (g) The irrigation with potable water of ornamental turf on public street medians; and,
- (h) The irrigation with potable water of landscapes outside of newly constructed homes and buildings in a manner inconsistent with regulations or other requirements established by the California Building Standards Commission and the Department of Housing and Community Development.

5. **Enforcement.** The General Manager is authorized and directed to enforce the water use restrictions in this resolution. For an ongoing violation of this resolution after receipt of a notice to comply, the District may terminate water service to the premises where the violation occurs.

6. **Fire and Emergencies.** Nothing in this resolution shall apply to the use of water for purposes of extinguishing fires or responding to other emergency conditions.

7. **Effective Date.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and will remain in effect until repealed or amended by the Board of Directors.

8. **Amendment.** This resolution amends and supersedes Resolution No. 2015-06.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of May 2016 by the following vote:

Ayes: Pasek, Ferraro, Graf, Morrison

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Pecotich



Gerald Pasek, President of the Board
Rancho Murieta Community Services District

Attest:



Suzanne Lindenfeld
District Secretary

RANCHO MURIETA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

WATER SHORTAGE MEASURES STAGE DEFINITIONS

Stage One - Water Alert

Goal is 10% Reduction per Average Household or Business

1. All Stage “Normal” actions remain in force; unless revised herein.
2. All customers are encouraged to report observed water waste. The District’s Security Officers will be notifying District operations of any observed water waste for follow-up action.
3. Prohibit washing of streets, parking lots, driveways, sidewalks, or buildings, except as necessary for health or sanitary purposes. High efficiency pressurized water brooms are required for these purposes, conventional pressure washers or hoses with shut-off nozzles are not allowed.
4. Landscape irrigation shall be watered efficiently, preferably with a weather based irrigation controller or hose timer. If a weather based controller is not installed, change the minutes of run-time for irrigation valves consistent with fluctuations in weather as determined by evapotranspiration data provided by the District/Regional Water Authority.
5. Watering is limited to a maximum of **three (3) days per week** if and when necessary and no watering schedule (e.g., additional minutes) increases are permissible on designated watering days. Three (3) days per week water is sufficient for landscapes in the Rancho Murieta Community. Customers are to use cycle and soak watering with up to three (3) short watering cycles. Watering days need to be based on the following schedule.
 - ◆ Customers in Watering Group A may irrigate only on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday.**
 - ◆ Customers in Watering Group B may irrigate only on **Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.**
 - ◆ **Sunday irrigation is not allowed.**
6. Residents are encouraged to reduce indoor water use by limiting showers. Washing full clothes washer and dishwasher loads.
7. Restaurants shall serve water only upon specific request.

RANCHO MURIETA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES

“Normal” Supply and On-going Conservation Requested of Every Household or Business

1. Water will be used for beneficial uses; all unnecessary and wasteful uses of water are prohibited as described in District Code – Chapter 14 Water Code. Take advantage of the free information available from the District on how to use water efficiently, read a water meter, repair leaks, and irrigate efficiently. Up to date information is provided through the District’s web site.
2. Use water efficiently. Water shall be confined to the consumer’s property and shall not be allowed to run off to adjoining property or to the gutter. Care shall be taken not to water past the point of soil saturation. Customers are encouraged to report observed water waste. Two (2) to three (3) days per week using cycle and soak methods is sufficient for landscapes in the Rancho Murieta Community.
3. Prohibit free-flowing hoses for all uses including vehicle and equipment washing, ponds, and evaporative coolers. Use a hose and bucket method for washing and attach automatic shut-off devices on any hose or filling apparatus in use.
4. Regularly check and maintain irrigation systems, repair leaks, and adjust spray heads to provide optimum coverage and eliminate avoidable over-spray. Reduce minutes of run-time for each irrigation valve if water run-off (gutter flooding) is occurring.
5. Automatic sprinkler system timers shall be set to operate during cool evening hours and early morning hours when evaporation rates are low and on off-peak electrical hours (ideally between 3 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.). Customers are encouraged to reduce scheduled watering minutes.
6. Repair all leaks promptly. Leaking consumer pipes or faulty sprinklers shall be repaired within seven (7) days or less if warranted by the severity of the problem and subject to penalties as described in District Code – Chapter 14, Water Code, Section 13.03.
7. Properly maintain all pools, spas, and ornamental fountains/ponds to avoid drain and refill. All water features and pools shall be equipped with a recirculating pump and shall be constructed to be leak-proof. Pool draining and refilling shall be allowed only for health, maintenance, or structural considerations. Customer requests must be substantiated in writing by a pool consultant and approved by the District.
8. Avoid washing of streets, parking lots, driveways, sidewalks, or buildings, except as necessary for health or sanitary purposes. Use a high efficiency pressurized water broom for these purposes and not a conventional pressure washer or hose with a shut-off nozzle.

9. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) WaterSense labeled water efficient plumbing fixtures, water efficient appliances, and high efficiency irrigation techniques, such as drip, are encouraged, as described in District Code – Chapter 14 – Water Code, Section 11 and found online at: www.epa.gov/watersense.