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Stockton City Council Approved Resolution Declaring Stage 2 Water Shortage Emergency

Adopted Ordinance requires a mandatory 20 percent reduction in water use and additional water conservation measures

STOCKTON, Calif. – The exceptional drought continues to affect many communities in California. On Tuesday, July 12, the Stockton City Council approved additional changes to Stockton’s Water Conservation Ordinance (SMC 13.28) and Water Shortage Emergencies (SMC 13.32) in response to the Governor’s Drought Emergency Declaration and to meet the requirements of the State Water Resources Control Board. The following list of regulations are effective immediately:

Stage 2 Water Shortage Emergency

Stage 2 watering regulations and requirements apply to all customers within the City of Stockton Municipal Utilities Department water service area, including residential, multi-family residences served by a single meter, non-residential and process-water accounts. City water customers are required to reduce the quantity of water used by 20 percent over current usage.

Watering – Exterior Irrigation

- No watering between 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Even numbered addresses – ending in 0, 2, 4, 6, 8 – and locations without a designated street address, such as parks, water Sundays and Wednesdays only.

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- Odd numbered addresses – ending in 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 – water on Tuesdays and Saturdays only.
- No exterior watering on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays.
- Irrigation of non-functional turf at commercial, industrial, and institutional locations is prohibited.
 - Non-functional turf is solely ornamental turf not regularly used for human recreational purposes or for civic or community events.
 - Non-functional turf excludes sports fields and turf that is regularly used for human recreational purposes or for civic or community events.
- Water can be used to:
 - address an immediate health and safety need, or
 - ensure the health of trees and other perennial non-turf plantings.

Other Water Use Regulations/Requirements

- Water leaks, broken sprinklers or malfunction within the water user's system must be repaired within 24 hours of being discovered or receiving notice of the problem.
- Wash vehicles only on assigned watering days using positive shut-off nozzle.
- Commercial car washes – must use reclaimed soap and water (no day restrictions).
- Restaurants – serve water only upon customer request.
- Hotels and motels – must provide option to decline daily towel/linen laundering.
- Cleaning building/mobile home exterior with water – only with bucket and sponge.
- Repairing/Repainting – must use pressurized washing device with quick acting, positive shut-off.

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- Ornamental fountains (public/commercial locations) operate only with recirculated water.
- Use of water to wash driveways, sidewalks, patios, parking lots, and other similar exterior surfaces – only with pressurized sidewalk cleaning equipment for sanitation, public health/safety, and fire protection.
- Swimming pool draining/refilling – not allowed from June 1 – October 1, except for protection of public health/safety.
- Dust control – use of potable water not allowed, except for public health/safety.
- Fire hydrant – use of potable water not allowed, except by Fire protection agencies for fire suppression or by responsible water agencies.
- All other wasteful running of water/washing with water is unlawful, without a reasonable purpose.

Water waste or violations can be reported online through Ask Stockton on the City’s website at www.stocktonca.gov/AskStockton using the “Water Wasting” topic, or by calling the City of Stockton Municipal Utilities Department at (209) 937-7031. The City will attempt to resolve initial water waste issues with the responsible property owner, tenant, or manager. Those who receive a second violation and do not immediately correct, cure, or abate a violation, may be fined up to \$100 daily for each day the violation continues.

For additional water conservation information, please visit www.stocktonca.gov/SaveWater or call (209) 937-5001.

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