



Agenda Report

Agenda of: May 27, 2025

Department: Public Works

Subject: Revision to Article VI - Drought Contingency Plan

Recommended Motion:

- A. Move to approve the requirement for entities excluded from the drought surcharge be required to provide the city with a Water Management Plan in Section 110-151, F of the Drought Contingency Plan.

Background:

On March 25, 2025, the Council approved excluding the following entities from the drought surcharge: healthcare facilities, emergency services facilities, and accounts held by the City of Castroville with the provision they be required to submit a water management plan. Plans are to be submitted to the Public Works Director and include water conservation practices, regular maintenance of plumbing systems and promoting water usage awareness among staff and residents while ensuring safe and potable water for residents. If no plan is submitted, then consideration will be given to removing the exclusion from the individual account. This additional provision is redlined and highlighted in yellow under Section 110-151, F – Enforcement of the Drought Contingency Plan

Council also approved the request to remove Sec. 110-149 – Stage 4 Response: this motion aims to eliminate the prohibition on new water services during extreme water shortage conditions.

There was discussion regarding requiring a water acquisition fee for connections on infill lots, but no clear consensus of a process and requirements.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Ordinance Revision to Article VI – Drought Contingency Plan (red lined)

Urgency (0-5 = Low Urgency to High Urgency):

Impact (0-5 = Low Impact to High Impact):

Submitted by: