

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-56**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRASS VALLEY  
REQUESTING ALL CITY WATER CUSTOMERS MANDATORY CONSERVE 20%  
OF THEIR NORMAL WATER USAGE**

**WHEREAS**, Nevada Irrigation District (NID) contracts with the City to provide raw water to the City of Grass Valley's Water Treatment Plant;

**WHEREAS**, the Grass Valley City Council desires to exercise its authority under section 5.06.030(E) of the Grass Valley Municipal Code to temporarily suspend the imposition and collection of the aforementioned taxes from cannabis businesses operating within the City while this resolution is in effect;

**WHEREAS**, the South Yuba Canal, and Drum Canal are owned and operated by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), but are operated in coordination with NID's water storage and distribution facilities;

**WHEREAS**, in February and March 2024 respectively, PG&E notified NID that a portion of the South Yuba Canal and Drum Canal were rendered inoperable for water conveyance until repaired;

**WHEREAS**, if the Drum and South Yuba Canal are not repaired by the June 8, 2024 target date, the NID's limited water storage supplies may be exhausted and may not be able to fully serve the water needs and demands of water users;

**WHEREAS**, the Grass Valley City Council desires this resolution to remain in effect through July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (90 days).

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City of Grass Valley as follows:

1. That the foregoing statements are true and correct and are incorporated here by this reference.
2. That, to promote water conservation, each of the following actions is prohibited by those served by the City's water utility, except where necessary to address an immediate health and safety need or to comply with a term or condition in a permit issued by a state or federal agency:
  - (a) The application of potable water to outdoor landscapes in a manner that causes runoff onto adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, parking lots, or structures;
  - (b) The use of potable water to wash a motor vehicle, except using a hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle or other device that causes it to cease dispensing water immediately when not in use;
  - (c) The application of potable water to driveways and sidewalks; and
  - (d) The use of potable water in a fountain or other decorative water feature not served by a recirculating system.
3. That, to mandate water conservation, each of the following actions are required to those served by the City's water utility, except where necessary to address an immediate health and safety need or to comply with a term or condition in a permit issued by a state or federal agency:
  - (a) Repair of the City's Water System leaks shall be a high priority.

- (b) Restaurant owners are requested not to serve customers water except on request.
  - (c) Irrigation shall be prohibited from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
  - (d) All treated Water Customers are required to reduce water use by 20%.
  - (e) Customers are required to adjust irrigation controllers for each zone to reduce use by 20%.
  - (f) Require that managers of all school grounds served by metered treated water, and all other public grounds, to reduce water use by 20%.
4. This Resolution reflects a regulation adopted by the City Council pursuant to Grass Valley Municipal Code Chapter 8.12. Therefore, any action prohibited in this Resolution, in addition to any other applicable civil or criminal penalties, is punishable under Grass Valley Municipal Code section 8.12.100.
  5. The Public Works Director or his appointed designee is hereby authorized and empowered to enforce the provisions of this Resolution in addition to applicable sections of the City's Municipal Code and other laws to promote water conservation by those served by the City's water utility.
  6. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately and remain in effect until (a) notification by the NID that water delivery in satisfactory volumes has been re-established by PG&E; or (b) superseded by the Grass Valley City Council, whichever is earlier.
  7. Certification. The Grass Valley City Clerk shall attest to the passage and adoption of this resolution and its approval by the City Council and shall cause the same to be listed in the records of the City.

**ADOPTED** as a resolution by the City Council of the City of Grass Valley at a regular meeting thereof held on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAINS:

ABSENT:

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Jan Arbuckle, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Taylor Whittingslow, City Clerk

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Michael G. Colantuono, City Attorney