



City of Grass Valley City Council Agenda Action Sheet

Title: Continuation of 20% Water Conservation from all City Customers Due to inoperable Drum and South Yuba Canals

CEQA: Not a Project.

Recommendation: That Council continue the mandate of all City Water Customers to conserve 20% of their normal water usage.

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Council Meeting Date: August 13, 2024

Date Prepared: August 9, 2024

Agenda: Consent

Background Information: On March 27, 2024, Nevada Irrigation District (NID) adopted a resolution declaring a water shortage emergency related to Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E's) unplanned outages on the South Yuba Canal and Spaulding Reservoir.

In February and March 2024 respectively, PG&E notified NID that a portion of the South Yuba Canal and Drum Canal were rendered inoperable due to a collapse and powerhouse failure. These two combined failures have rendered it impossible to move water into the Drum and South Yuba Canals. Both canals serve as the delivery conduit to provide water to thousands of customers in the NID service area, including raw water to the City of Grass Valley's Water Treatment plant. Therefore, NID has deemed it necessary to implement water conservation for all District customers. On June 26, 2024, NID implemented mandatory water conservation for all district users of 20% of their 2023 usage.

As the City receives raw water from NID, City Council adopted Resolution 2024-54 on July 9th, 2024, that mandated all City water user customers to conserve 20% of their normal water usage until (a) notification by the NID that water delivery in satisfactory volumes has been re-established by PG&E; or (b) superseded by the NID Board of Directors, whichever is earlier. At this time, the Mandatory Water Conservation is still in place.

Council Goals/Objectives: The execution of this action attempts to achieve Strategic Goal #5 - High Performance Government and Quality Service.

Fiscal Impact: Depending on the length of outage may have reduction in water fund for reduced water usage.

Funds Available: N/A

Account #: N/A

Reviewed by: Tim Kiser, City Manager