

AGENDA STAFF REPORT

MEETING NAME: REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MEETING
DATE(S): JULY 15 & 19, 2021
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FOR: ACTION X DIRECTION INFORMATION

ORDINANCE 2021-01 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MISSION SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2014-01, ORDINANCE NO. 2015-01, AND SECTION 15 OF ORDINANCE NO. 93-3, AND REPLACING THE SAME BY ADOPTING THE 2021 WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Board of Directors waive the reading of Ordinance 2021-01 and approve Ordinance 2021-01 adopting and implementing the 2021 Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

SUMMARY

In 2018, the State Legislature modified the Urban Water Management Act laws to require a Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) with specific elements to better align WSCPs throughout the state, which would become a part of the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP). Six water agencies in the Coachella Valley (Coachella Valley Water District, Coachella Water Authority, Desert Water Agency, Indio Water Authority, MSWD, and Myoma Dunes Mutual Water Company) worked together to develop a 2020 Regional Urban Water Management Plan (RUWMP) and individual WSCPs that were aligned to the greatest extent possible. Both the 2020 RUWMP and MSWD's 2021 WSCP were adopted by the Board in June and submitted to DWR by the July 1, 2021. However, to implement the 2021 WSCP as policy, an adoption by ordinance is required.

ANALYSIS

The WSCP is a document to describe how each agency would respond to a water shortage during an extended drought or sudden event (like an earthquake) that impacts the region's ability to replenish the groundwater basin or the agency's ability to provide enough water to meet all customer needs. MSWD's WSCP defines six levels of shortage and outlines the actions that will be required of customers during each level. The six agencies aligned the actions in their plans as much as possible to maintain consistent requirements and messaging for customers throughout the Coachella Valley. If the WSCPs need to be implemented during a water shortage, the agencies will evaluate how well they are working and consider making changes if needed. MSWD and the other agencies received feedback from the community in developing the WSCPs and during the June RUWMP hearing and adoption process.

FISCAL IMPACT AND STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Board approval of the Ordinance 2021-01 has no direct fiscal impact. However, future conservation efforts, WSCP implementation, and other demand management measures may have fiscal impacts to future budgets as may be required to meet State, regional, and local goals for water conservation.

ATTACHMENTS

2021 WSCP
Ordinance 2021-01