

AGENDA STAFF REPORT

MEETING NAME: BOARD OF DIRECTORS (SPECIAL MEETING)

MEETING DATE(S): JUNE 1, 2022

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FOR: ACTION X DIRECTION _____ INFORMATION _____



RESOLUTION 2022-16 IMPLEMENTING LEVEL 2 OF THE MSWD WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

In recognition of the ongoing California drought, and as required by State Water Resources Control Board Resolution No. 2022-0018, Emergency Regulation to Reduce Water Demand and Improve Water Conservation, staff recommends the Board of Directors adopt the proposed resolution implementing the Level 2 Demand Reduction Actions outlined in Table 4 of the District's Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

SUMMARY

On April 12, 2021, May 10, 2021, July 8, 2021, and October 19, 2021, Governor Newsom proclaimed states of emergency that continue today and exist across all the counties of California, due to extreme and expanding drought conditions. On March 28, 2022, in Executive Order N-7-22, the Governor affirmed the previous orders and called on all Californians to reduce water use and directed specific State agencies to take actions in support of water conservation.

On May 24, 2022, the State Water Board adopted an Emergency Regulation that requires urban water suppliers to submit preliminary supply and demand assessments to the Department of Water Resources prior to June 1, 2022; that defines "non-functional turf" and bans the irrigation of non-functional turf in commercial, industrial, and institutional sectors; and that requires urban water suppliers to implement the demand reduction actions identified in the supplier's water shortage contingency plan adopted under Water Code 10632 for a shortage level of ten to twenty percent (Level 2).

MSWD adopted a water shortage contingency plan in June 2021. Following are the Level 2 Demand Reduction Actions as outlined in Table 4 of the plan.

Shortage Level	ID	Demand Reduction Actions	Expected Relative Impact	Penalty or Enforcement
2	2.1	Outdoor water use is prohibited during daylight hours for spray irrigation except for leak checks or with an agency approved conservation alternative plan.	Medium	Yes
	2.2	Restaurants can serve water only on request.	Low	Yes
	2.3	Agency shall encourage use of non-potable water for construction, if available.	Low	No
	2.4	Agency shall actively discourage overseeding.	Medium	No
	2.5	Agency shall expand public information campaign.	Medium	No
	2.6	Agency shall increase water waste patrols.	Medium	Yes
	2.7	Agency shall reduce hydrant and dead-end line flushing.	Low	No

ANALYSIS

Staff is prepared to implement the operational provisions outlined in Level 2 of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan. Our public outreach team is working with the other Coachella Valley water providers to create a communications campaign that will promote water conservation throughout the Coachella Valley. The District will leverage these campaign materials and perform additional outreach specifically within our service area.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution 2022-16

2020 MSWD Water Shortage Contingency Plan, adopted June 2021

SWRCB Emergency Regulation, adopted May 24, 2022