Governor’s Response to Drought

Public Works Commission
April 13, 2023
Agenda

- Regulatory Update
- Recommendation
October 19, 2021
- Gov. Newsom declared California drought
- BH Drought Declaration Adopted by City Council on 2/8/22
  - Water conservation Stage C
  - Increase education for water conservation
  - Increase enforcement of water waste
Regulatory Update

- June 9, 2022
  - PWC – Additional drought measures

- June 14, 2022
  - Continue Water Conservation Stage C
  - Maintain a 2-day a week watering schedule.
    (Note: State regs allow watering trees)
  - Restrict outdoor water use for irrigation or hose between 9 am to 6 pm
Regulatory Update

💪 November 10, 2023
🔥 PWC – MWD’s Colorado River MOU
💪 December 6, 2023
🔥 CC – Approved joining MOU
💪 March 24, 2023
🔥 Executive Order N-5-23
🔥 Maintain State Emergency
🔥 Level 2 Action Plan not required
🔥 15% conservation target removed
🔥 Maintain ban on wasteful practices
Regulatory Update

- Prohibited until December 2023
  - No water runoff (except incidental runoff)*
  - Washing vehicles without an automatic shutoff nozzle*
  - Washing hard surfaces that don’t absorb water*
  - Street cleaning or construction site preparation
  - Fountains, lakes, or ponds without a recirculation pump*
  - Irrigating 48 hours after at least 1/4 inch of rainfall*
  - Watering decorative grass on public medians

- Prohibited until June 2023
  - Watering decorative grass (Commercial, Industrial, Institutional areas, HOA’s)

*Included in City’s Municipal Code 9-4-201
Recommendation

Maintain the CM’s Order Dated June 14, 2022

- Continue “Stage C” of the Water Conservation plan
- Restrict landscape irrigation two days per week
- Prohibit irrigation between 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Maintain goal at 30% monthly against 2013 water usage
- Continue expanded outreach campaign
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