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Board of Directors Triunfo Water & Sanitation District Ventura County, California

WATERING DAYS/MINUTES REVISION TO STAGE 1 OF THE WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN - RESOLUTION NO. TWSD 2022-030

<u>Summary</u>

In response to the ongoing drought emergency, and anticipated reductions in water allocations, on April 6th the Calleguas Municipal Water District (CMWD) declared a Stage 3 Water Shortage condition. As part of that condition, CMWD required its Purveyors to implement mandatory water conservation measures, including a 1 day per week limit on outdoor irrigation that began on June 1st.

On April 25, 2022, in response to the mandatory limitations, your Board approved Resolution No. TWSD 2022-010 revising the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) for Stage 1 watering days from 3 days per week to just 1 day per week from March through November. With the continued drought emergency, and to provide additional conservation efforts to maintain compliance, staff recommends revising the UWMP to keep the 1-day per week restriction temporarily in place for all months.

Since June 1, the average customer water use in the District's service area has ranged from 105-108 gallons per person per day. This level of conservation by the customers of the District has been noteworthy and has met the allocations set by CMWD for the District through the end of August. However, on June 1, 2022, the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) released an Emergency Water Conservation Program Handbook that included an unexpected provision further limiting the one-day-per-week restriction to 10 minutes per station. This provision became mandatory on September 1, 2022, and is more restrictive than the permanent 15 minute restriction in the District's UWMP. Staff did not recommend implementing the 10 minute restriction because customers were already meeting the allocations imposed by CMWD during the summer without the further restriction.

However, in order to remain in compliance with the restrictions imposed by MWD, the District currently has two options.

- Reduce the one-day-per-week watering restrictions to 10 minutes per station
- Meet the monthly allocations set by CWMD that decrease significantly during the fall and winter months

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Staff reviewed the current restrictions contained within the UWMP and recommends changing the 15 minutes per station per watering day to 10 minutes. This further restriction will hopefully be less impactful to customers now that the weather cools during the fall and winter months and will enable staff to work with the District's customers to ensure adherence with the water usage limits imposed by CMWD. Staff recommends your Board discuss and approve Resolution No. TWSD 2022-030 to revise the watering days and times for the District's potable water customers.

Fiscal Impact

The additional impact for continuing the 1-day per week watering schedule is not fully known. Staff will make adjustments, as necessary, to the FY2022-2023 Adopted Budget and report any changes to the Board.

Recommendation

It is recommended the Board:

- A. Discuss and approve the revised 1 day per week outdoor irrigation restriction for November to March and 10 minutes per station per day for Stage 1 in Chapter 8 of the 2020 UWMP and authorize the Chair to sign Resolution No. TWSD 2022-030; and
- B. Direct staff to post the revised restrictions for outdoor irrigation to 1 day per week, and 10 minutes per station, effective October 1, 2022, to the District's website and include an insert in customers' September bills with the information; or
- C. Provide staff with alternative direction.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED

Mark Norris - General Manager

Attachment: Resolution No. TWSD 2022-030

RESOLUTION NO. TWSD 2022-030

A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIUNFO WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGARDING WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF MANDATORY CONSERVATION MEASURES FOR POTABLE WATER USAGE

WHEREAS, the Triunfo Water & Sanitation District (TWSD) has duly adopted the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) and Ordinance No. TWSD-350 which provides for the policy and fee structure for potable water usage; and

WHEREAS, California Water Code Section 10632 (a) and Senate Bill 606 set Standard Water Shortage Levels and Shortage Response Actions; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has entered a third consecutive year of drought during which annual precipitation, snowpack, and resultant runoff levels have been markedly below that which is needed to both adequately replenish key reservoirs and meet current water demands; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2022, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) announced that it reduced the calendar year 2022 State Water Project allocation to five percent, and current projections indicate that the final allocation will remain five percent; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2022, the Calleguas Municipal Water District (CMWD) declared a Stage 3 Water Shortage condition. As part of that condition, CMWD required its Purveyors to implement mandatory water conservation measures, including a 1 day per week limit on outdoor irrigation that began on June 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2022, your Board amended Section 8 of the 2020 UWMP under Stage 1 to restrict outdoor irrigation to 1 day per week for the months of March through November;

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2022, the Metropolitan Water District released an Emergency Water Conservation Program Handbook that limited the one-day-per-week restriction to 10 minutes per station effective September 1, 2022; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board hereby ordains as follows:

- 1. All recitals contained above are true and incorporated by reference herein.
- 2. In response to the water shortage restrictions being enforced by the State, MWD, and CMWD, the Board hereby amends the outdoor irrigation provisions under Stage 1 of the 2020 UWMP, Section 8, from the current 2 days per week for the months of November through March to 1 day per week.
- 3. The Board further amends the regulations by limiting the watering duration from 15 minutes per station per watering day to 10 minutes per station.
- 4. These actions will be held in place pending further direction from the State, MWD, or CMWD and the Board revises the District's restrictions, or the District changes the Stage 1 alert.
- 5. The revised restrictions on outdoor irrigation become effective October 1, 2022.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 19th day of September 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

TRIUNFO WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT

Leon Shapiro, Chair

ATTESTED:

Fidela Garcia, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

John Mathews, General Counsel