

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-08

FINDING THE EXISTENCE OF A WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCY

PURISSIMA HILLS WATER DISTRICT

WHEREAS, California Water Code Section 350 provides Purissima Hills Water District (District) the authority to declare a water shortage emergency condition if the District finds and determines that the ordinary demands and requirements of water consumers cannot be satisfied without depleting the water supply to the extent that there would be insufficient water use for human consumption, sanitation, and fire protection; and

WHEREAS, California Water Code Sections 31026 and 31028 provide the District the authority to restrict the use of District water during any emergency caused by drought, or other threatened or existing water shortage, and to prohibit the wastage of District water or the use of District water for such periods, for any purpose other than household uses or such other restricted uses as may be determined to be necessary by the District and may prohibit use of such water during periods for specific uses which the District may from time to time find to be nonessential; and

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2021, Governor Newsom proclaimed a statewide State of Emergency to exist in California due to drought conditions, which proclamation remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, the District obtains all of its water from the City and County of San Francisco, acting by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) and is entirely dependent on the SFPUC source of supply for its water; and

WHEREAS, Governor Newsom and the SFPUC have called for a voluntary 15% reduction in water use for all wholesale and retail water customers; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's proclamation acknowledges the State of California is experiencing extremely dry conditions that have persisted for the past two years; and

WHEREAS, the Governor authorized the California State Water Resources Control Board to adopt emergency regulations to supplement voluntary conservation by prohibiting certain wasteful water practices; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2021, the SFPUC issued a notice of water unavailability for post-1914 water rights holders, and subsequently warned of impending water unavailability for pre-1914 water rights holders; and

WHEREAS, the District seeks to reduce water use by 20% from their 2019 levels and impose mandatory water use restrictions in order to meet the Governor's call for reductions in water use.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Directors (Board) declares that a water shortage emergency exists and prevails within the water service area of this Purissima Hills Water District by reason of the fact that the ordinary demands and requirements of the water consumers in the District's service area cannot be met and satisfied by the water supplies now available to the District without depleting the water supply or diminishing its quality to the extent that there would be insufficient water for human consumption, sanitation, and fire protection; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board calls for a water reduction target equal to 20% of the 2019 water use levels; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, during the water shortage emergency, the Board finds that the following uses of water are restricted:

- Outdoor watering without drip irrigation systems of the same irrigation zones on a property with potable water is restricted to two days a week, no more than 20 minutes a day, and only after 8:00 p.m. and before 10:00 a.m.;
- All outdoor residential pools must be covered with a suitable pool covering when not in use;
- The use of potable water for decorative fountains or the filling or topping-off of decorative lakes or ponds is prohibited, with the exception for those decorative fountains, lakes, or ponds which utilize recycled water;
- All residential and institutional customers must make best efforts to reduce their potable water use during the emergency by 20% as compared with the institution's usage during each month of 2019; and
- All organizations watering horse arenas, recreation fields or athletic fields with potable water must ensure that irrigated horse arenas or fields are not overwatered or saturated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board strongly encourages the customers of the District to adopt the following practices to assist in conservation efforts:

- Install and use smart water controllers so that customers can monitor their own irrigation systems;
- Install and use drip irrigation systems where appropriate;
- Plant drought-resistant plants in ornamental gardens, and reduce or remove grass lawns or non-native flora; and

- Work closely with landscapers and gardeners to ensure efficient water usage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, these restrictions shall take effect immediately, and will remain in effect until Governor Newsom's proclamation of a State of Emergency due to drought conditions expires, or until the District rescinds this Resolution, whichever occurs first.

Passed and adopted this 10th day of November, 2021, by the following vote of the Board.

AYES: Directors Holts, Jordan, Stone, Glassman, and Ranganathan

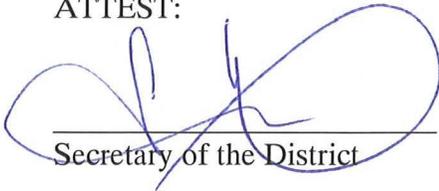
NOES:

ABSENT:



President, Board of Directors
Purissima Hills Water District

ATTEST:



Secretary of the District