

RESOLUTION NO. 633

IMPLEMENTING STAGE 2 OF THE 2020 WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN AND URGING A VOLUNTARY 15 PERCENT REDUCTION IN WATER USAGE BY ALL CUSTOMERS IN RESPONSE TO SEVERE DROUGHT CONDITIONS

WESTBOROUGH WATER DISTRICT

WHEREAS, California is experiencing consecutive years of drought; and

WHEREAS, on July 8, 2021, California Governor Gavin Newsom expanded his Drought Proclamation to include San Mateo County and Santa Clara County, which also calls upon all Californians to voluntarily reduce their water use by 15 percent compared to 2020 usage (Proclamation); and

WHEREAS, the Proclamation affirmed that a state of emergency exists in a total of 43 counties due to severe drought conditions, and directed state agencies to take immediate actions to preserve critical water supplies and mitigate the harmful effects of the drought to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Proclamation also acknowledged that the current drought conditions present serious and urgent challenges, including risk of drinking water shortages, greatly increased risks of wildfires, diminished water for agriculture production, adverse impacts of fisheries, and additional water scarcity, should drought conditions continue into next year; and

WHEREAS, on July 12, 2021 and July 14, 2021, respectively, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) and the Bay Area Water Supply & Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) officially asked all customers of the Hetch Hetchy water system to voluntarily reduce their usage by 15%; and

WHEREAS, the Westborough Water District Board of Directors (Board) recognizes and finds that the statewide drought currently impacting California, and San Mateo County specifically, is a matter of great concern that necessitates District Customers use water efficiently in addition to heightening their water conservation efforts to assist in combating the state's drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Water Management Planning Act (California Water Code Sections 10610, et. seq.) requires each urban water supplier, such as the Westborough Water District, to prepare and adopt an Urban Water Management Plan (Plan); and

WHEREAS, the Plan is required to include Water Shortage Contingency Plan; and

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2021, pursuant to Resolution No. 623, the Westborough Water District (District) adopted its Plan, which included a Water Shortage Contingency Plan that identifies a list of mitigation measures which may be authorized by the District, including voluntary water usage reductions of up to 20 percent; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to identify specific water shortage response actions to be implemented due to the call for a voluntary 15 percent reduction in water use by the Governor, SFPUC, and BAWSCA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Westborough Water District, in response to the request of 15 percent water usage reduction by a governing authority, that it implements Stage 2 of the 2020 Water Shortage Contingency Plan, and urges all District Customers to voluntarily abide by the water restrictions in the attached Exhibit A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the General Manager to implement the provisions of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of August, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: Medina, Bautista, and Chambers.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.



President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:



Board Secretary

Exhibit A

1. Use of potable water to clean, fill, or maintain levels in fountains, including recirculating fountains.
2. Use of water for recreational toys and equipment.
3. The application of potable water to outdoor landscapes in a manner that causes runoff such that water flows onto adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, parking lots, tennis courts, or structures.
4. The application of potable water to outdoor landscapes during or within 48 hours after measurable rainfall.
5. Watering duration is limited to 15 minutes per day and two days per week.
6. Watering or irrigating of lawn or landscape is prohibited between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
7. Use of water through a hose or pressure washer to clean the exterior of any building, home, or driveway, except prior to painting or if required for health or safety purposes.
8. The use of a hose that dispenses potable water to wash a motor vehicle, except where the house is fitted with a shut-off nozzle or device attached to it that causes it to cease dispensing water immediately when not in use.
9. Leaks, breaks, and malfunctions must be repaired in a timely matter.
10. The use of water through a commercial meter when the customer has been given a 7-day notice to repair broken or defective plumbing or sprinkler system.
11. Hotels and motels shall provide guests with the option of choosing not to have towels and linens laundered daily.
12. The serving of drinking water other than upon request in eating or drinking establishments, including but not limited to restaurants, hotels, cafes, cafeterias, bars, or other public places where food or drink are served and/or purchased.
13. The use of water for city street sweepers/washers, except when approved by the District.