



City of Whittier
2015-16 Temporary Water Restrictions
due to
State-wide Emergency Drought Conditions

Whereas, the City of Whittier is an urban water supplier as defined in the California Water Code Section 10617 and the City provides water to a service area comprising approximately 65% of the City;

Whereas, the Governor of the State of California on January 17, 2014 issued a proclamation of a state of emergency under the California Emergency Services Act based on drought conditions, and on April 25, 2014 the Governor issued a proclamation of a continued state of emergency based on continued drought conditions;

Whereas, the California State Water Resources Control Board on July 15, 2014 adopted emergency regulations as California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Sections 863, 864, 865 for statewide urban water conservation;

Whereas, the California State Water Resources Control Board on March 17, 2015 adopted Resolution No. 2015-0013 which included the finding that the drought conditions that formed the basis of the Governor's emergency proclamations continue to exist and which adopted emergency regulations that extended and expanded requirements for water conservation and prohibition of certain water uses;

Whereas, the Governor of the State of California on April 1, 2015 issued Executive Order B-29-15 calling for a statewide 25% reduction in potable urban water usage through February 28, 2016;

Whereas, the California State Water Resources Control Board on May 5, 2015 adopted Revisions to the emergency regulations which implement certain provisions of Executive Order B-29-15 by modifying and expanding once again requirements for water conservation and prohibition of certain water uses;

Whereas, the City of Whittier has adopted City of Whittier Final 2010 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) which was updated on July 29, 2014 by the City Council's approval of Addendum No. 1, both UWMP and Addendum No. 1 having been prepared by Stetson Engineers, Inc. and both having been approved by the California Department of Water Resources;

Whereas, the UWMP contains a water shortage contingency analysis and provisions for reductions of water use during a water shortage; and

Whereas, Whittier Municipal Code Section 13.24.010, "Restrictions During Emergency", reads:

"Upon notice published in a daily paper in the city, the director of public works shall have the right to restrict the use of water for sprinkling, wetting, irrigation or construction purposes to such hours and for such time as may be deemed advisable. In the event of any emergency, the director of public works shall have the right, power and authority to turn off the water from any main or mains or pipes of the water system of the city with or without notice. The director of public works is enforced with power or authority to determine when an emergency exists and such discrimination shall be final or until revised at a meeting of the council. In addition to the power given in this section, the council reserves the right in the event of any emergency to turn off the water from any main or mains or pipes of the city either with or without notice and so long a time as the council may deem advisable."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DAVID A. PELSER, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE CITY OF WHITTIER DETERMINE THAT:

1. Whittier Municipal Code Section 13.24.010 has empowered the Director of Public Works to determine when an emergency exists and to restrict the use of water for sprinkling, wetting, irrigation or construction purposes;
2. a water emergency exists as evidenced by the Governor's emergency proclamations and Executive Order noted above, and the State Water Resources Control Board emergency regulations apply to the City of Whittier urban water service area and require certain water use restrictions.

BASED ON THE AFOREMENTIONED DETERMINATION:

- A. Certain uses of water are hereby prohibited as follows, except where necessary to address an immediate health and safety need or to comply with a term or condition in a permit issued by a state or federal agency:
1. 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, or structures;
 2. The use of a hose that dispenses potable water to wash a motor vehicle, except where the hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle or device attached to it that causes it to cease dispensing water immediately when not in use;

3. The application of potable water to driveways and sidewalks;
 4. The use of potable water in a fountain or other decorative water feature, except where the water is part of a recirculating system;
 5. The application of potable water to outdoor landscapes during and within 48 hours after measurable rainfall;
 6. 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;
 7. The irrigation with potable water of ornamental turf on public street medians; and
 8. The irrigation with potable water of landscapes outside of newly constructed homes and buildings in a manner inconsistent with regulations or other requirements established by the California Building Standards Commission and the Department of Housing and Community Development.
- B. To promote water conservation, operators of hotels and motels shall provide guests with the option of choosing not to have towels and linens laundered daily. The hotel or motel shall prominently display notice of this option in each guestroom using clear and easily understood language.
- C. Outdoor irrigation of ornamental landscapes or turf with potable water by the persons it serves is limited to no more than three days per week. Customers with street addresses ending in an even number are restricted to outdoor irrigation on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays; addresses ending in an odd number are restricted to outdoor irrigation on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. No outdoor irrigation is allowed on Fridays. Governmental organizations irrigating parks are restricted to irrigating three days per week but may select the specific three days.

These temporary water restrictions due to emergency drought conditions shall remain in effect as long as the State Water Resources Control Board emergency regulations shall remain in effect, or until the Director of Public Works determines that the emergency no longer exists, or until the City Council of the City of Whittier takes action to revise these restrictions.

EXECUTED THIS 15th DAY OF MAY, 2015, AT WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA.



David A. Pelsner, PE, BCEE
Director of Public Works