

STATEWIDE EMERGENCY DROUGHT ORDER

City Council Meeting
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Current Drought Conditions



Sierra Snowpack – 5% of Annual Average

Existing End-User Prohibitions

For potable water use...

- No irrigation runoff
- Hose shut-off nozzle required
- No spraying sidewalks/driveways
- Only recirculating fountains
- No irrigating within 48 hours of precipitation
- Drinking water served only by request (Restaurants)
- Towel & linen service by request (Hotels)



New Executive Order

- Mandatory statewide 25% reduction in potable water use
- Directs State agencies to develop new regulations & programs:

Dept. of Water Resources

CA Energy Commission

CalFire

Dept. of Housing

State Water Board



Draft Regulations

- Local Reduction Targets
 - Sweetwater Authority - 12%
 - Otay Water District - 16%
- Monthly reporting
 - 2013 Baseline Year
- Agricultural water excluded
- New end-user prohibitions
- In effect thru February 2016
- Final approval in early May



Draft Regulations

- New end-user prohibitions (applicable to cities):
 1. “Prohibits irrigation with potable water of ornamental turf on public street medians.”
 2. “Prohibits irrigation with potable water outside of newly constructed homes and buildings that is not delivered by drip or micro-spray systems.”



Next Steps

Turf Medians

- Inventory turf medians
 - 128,000 square feet
- Shut-off irrigation by May 15
- Citywide irrigation audits
- Request for funding to:
 - Retrofit irrigation to maintain trees
 - Install drought-tolerant plants
 - Correct irrigation overspray zones

New Homes & Buildings

- Pass resolution for new restrictions
- Update Landscape Ordinance



Other Future Actions

- Reconvene Interagency Water Task Force (May)
- Reuse Willow Street Bridge dewatering (May)
- Utilize CCC to retrofit irrigation & remove turf (June)
- Install new graywater display with funding from Sweetwater Authority (July)
- Re-design turf areas at Civic Center (TBD)



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