

BOLINAS COMMUNITY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

Water Conservation and Dry Year Water Use Reduction Program

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The purpose of this program is to establish a water conservation and dry year water use reduction plan to minimize the effect of an extreme shortage of water caused by drought conditions on the district's customers and to adopt provisions that will significantly reduce the consumption of water during an extended dry weather period (drought), thereby extending the available water for the district's customers while reducing the hardship on the general public to the greatest extent possible.

Heightened Voluntary Conservation Alert Stage: At any time when:

- the district determines that it is necessary to transfer stored water from the Woodrat #2 reservoir to the Woodrat #1 reservoir in order to ensure a sufficient emergency back-up supply of high quality water to supplement the district's primary water source, the Arroyo Hondo Creek; or
- the district's water storage at the Woodrat #1 and Woodrat #2 reservoirs (collectively) is or is projected within the next thirty (30) days to be in the vicinity of, or less than, 10 million gallons; or
- historic hydrologic data (Arroyo Hondo creek flows) and/or use patterns (consumption) indicate that a specific percentage reduction in use is required to ensure an adequate water supply and sufficient carry-over storage; then,
- the BCPUD may activate a heightened voluntary conservation alert whereby every customer in the district shall be requested to (i) eliminate all water waste and (ii) reduce overall water use to aid the district in achieving a specific percentage reduction in the amount of potable water used by all customers which the district deems necessary to ensure an adequate supply of water for those customers and to meet potential fire-fighting demand(s). Actions taken by customers to reduce overall water use should include, but are not limited to, significantly reducing landscape irrigation, running appliances such as laundry machines and dishwashers only when full, limiting showers to five minutes or less and so forth.
- When the district determines that water conservation efforts are no longer necessary to ensure an adequate supply of water for customers and meet potential fire-fighting demand, the foregoing heightened voluntary water conservation alert may be lifted.

Mandatory Rationing Alert Stage: At any time when:

- the district's water storage at the Woodrat #1 and Woodrat #2 reservoirs (collectively) is or is projected within the next thirty (30) days to be in the vicinity of, or less than, 8 million gallons; or

- historic hydrologic data (Arroyo Hondo creek flows) and use/or patterns (consumption) indicate that a further reduction in use is required to ensure an adequate water supply and sufficient carry-over storage; then,
- the Board of the Directors of the BCPUD may activate by resolution a mandatory rationing program to achieve the amount of water use reduction needed, as reasonably determined by the BCPUD Board of Directors based on district staff expertise and advice.
- When the district determines that mandatory rationing is no longer necessary, the foregoing mandatory rationing program shall be lifted immediately by resolution of the Board of Directors.

Special Exemptions: Upon written application by a customer for an exception to or adjustment of the water use restrictions set forth in this program, the Board of Directors may grant special exemptions for use of water otherwise prohibited by this program if the Board finds and determines that:

- failure to do so would cause an unnecessary and undue hardship on the applicant or the public, including but not limited to, adverse economic impacts, such as loss of production or jobs; or
- failure to do so would cause an emergency condition affecting the health, sanitation, fire protection or safety of the applicant or the public.
- No special exemption shall be approved unless the customer has adopted all practicable water conservation measures and has demonstrated to the Board of Directors' satisfaction that there are no alternatives to the use of water from the BCPUD and the BCPUD's water will be used efficiently and without waste.

Enforcement: If the Board of Directors activates a mandatory rationing program by resolution, said resolution shall contain no less than the following enforcement criteria:

- Any customer violating the mandatory restrictions on water use shall receive a written warning for the first such violation.
- Upon a second violation of the mandatory restrictions on water use within the same year (which may occur as soon as 24 hours after the first violation and each day thereafter may constitute a new violation), a customer shall receive another written warning and the BCPUD also may install a flow-restricting device on the customer's service line.
- A third violation within the same year (which may occur as soon as 24 hours after the first violation and each day thereafter may constitute a new violation), shall result in the immediate discontinuation of the water service for said customer.