



Update on the Status of Mandatory Water Rationing

On February 24, 2021, the Bolinas Community Public Utility District (“BCPUD”) Board of Directors approved BCPUD Resolution 680, declaring a special water supply emergency in the district and enacting specific water use prohibitions that take effect *if and when overall water consumption in the BCPUD service area exceeds 76,000 gallons per day averaged over seven consecutive days. At that time, mandatory rationing will take effect and no more than 125 gallons of water may be used by any service connection (except for 14 specific businesses, public-serving and multi-use entities).* A copy of BCPUD Resolution 680 is available on our website: www.bcpud.org.

Earlier in February, BCPUD staff had recommended that the Board implement mandatory rationing of 125 gallons per day per connection effective March 1, 2021 (and we informed the community of this recommendation via social media and the BCPUD Pipeline newsletter). However, throughout February staff further considered the district’s overall water supply and demand, particularly the fact that water consumption across the district is currently less than the proposed ration amount. While staff remains very concerned about the prospect of near-term seasonal increases in water consumption (especially if the district does not receive significantly more rain and the weather begins to warm as the days lengthen), staff concluded (and the Board agreed) the district will be better served by implementing a “trigger-based” rationing program. In this manner, the community’s destiny is in its own hands: if community water consumption does not increase above 76,000 GPD averaged over a seven consecutive day period, mandatory rationing may not be necessary.

How will you know if and when mandatory rationing takes effect? You will receive a letter from the BCPUD in your mail and hand-delivered to your property to inform you when mandatory water rationing is in effect. We also will post signs all over town and on social media, among other places. In the meantime, the BCPUD has redesigned its home webpage to provide our customers and the general public with information about the current daily water consumption in town and how that compares to the mandatory ration trigger. Here is the update we posted on March 1, 2021:

February 24	February 25	February 26	February 27	February 28	March 1	March 2
GPD 63,317	GPD 63,466	GPD 54,808	GPD 62,800	GPD 59,900		

**Mandatory Ration Trigger: 76,000 gallons per day
(averaged over 7 days)**

Current 7-Day Running Average: 60,858

We are also working on a large sign to post at the entrance of town to inform the community about the current average daily water use. Together, we feel confident our community will confront this challenge successfully. We are very grateful for the community’s tremendous conservation efforts thus far – thank you so much!

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