



# Rio Alto Water District

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**April 2, 2015**

## **IMMEDIATE ATTENTION REQUIRED**

### **MANDATORY WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES** **EXTENDED AND INCREASED EFFECTIVE** **IMMEDIATELY**

On March 17, 2015, the State Water Resources Control Board extended and increased the state mandated water conservation measures previously adopted on July 15, 2014; and now on April 1, 2015, the Governor has signed Executive Order B-29-15 imposing restrictions to achieve a statewide 25% reduction in potable water usage through February 28, 2016. These restrictions will require water suppliers to California's cities and towns to reduce usage as compared to the amount used in 2013. These restrictions are scheduled to remain in place until such time that the State Water Resources Control Board declares that the drought measures have been lifted. Rio Alto Water District is required to implement the following conservation measures in accordance with Water Code 1058.5 or be subject to daily fines of \$10,000: **(additional measures are printed in bold)**

- (a.) To promote water conservation, each of the following actions is **prohibited** 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 (1/4" or greater) rainfall; (new)**
  - (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; (new)**
  - (7) **Irrigation with potable water outside newly constructed homes and buildings that is not delivered by drip or microspray systems; (new) and**
  - (8) **Outdoor irrigation of ornamental landscapes or turf with potable water by the District's customers not in compliance with limits of time and days as set forth in the attached Exhibit A:**

**REVISED EXHIBIT A – THREE (3) DAY  
DROUGHT MANDATED IRRIGATION WATERING SCHEDULE  
EFFECTIVE AUGUST 15, 2014 AND REMAINING IN EFFECT UNTIL  
OTHERWISE NOTIFIED**

**HOURS PERMITTED: 12:01 A.M. THROUGH 9:00 A.M.**

**NO OUTDOOR IRRIGATION WATERING IS PERMITTED BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9:01 A.M. THROUGH 12:00 A.M. NO OUTDOOR IRRIGATION WATERING IS PERMITTED ON MONDAYS.**

**TIME LIMITS FOR IRRIGATION ZONES MUST BE SET TO PREVENT RUNOFF AT ALL TIMES.**

Outdoor irrigation is allowed by the following groups on their respective days of the week;

**GROUP#1: TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS, AND SATURDAYS**

Streets included in Group #1:

Lake California Dr., Sawtooth Dr., Squaw Pl., Baldy Pl., Preston Pl., Sannedrin Pl., Eagle Peak Dr., St. John Pl., Burney Pl., Hayfork Pl., Chimney Rock Dr., Pit River Pl., Prospect Peak Dr., Feather River Pl., Klamath River Pl., Bonanza King Dr., Stoney Creek Pl., Round Mountain Pl., Rainbow Ridge Pl., Castle Crags Pl., Tom Bead Dr., Big Sage Dr., Black Fox Dr., Hatcher Dr., Lola Dr., Sweet Brier Pl., Table Mountain Pl., River View Dr. (Down to Steelhead Landing), Covington Mill Dr., Wildwood Pl., Valley Ford Dr., Feather Falls Pl., Freshwater Dr., Blacktail Pl., Fawn Way, Roe Way, Elkhorn Pl., Buckskin Pl., Buckhorn Pl., Antler Way, Impala Pl., Moose Way, Fallow Pl., Forest Glen Pl., Indian Creek Dr., Redrock Peak Pl., Brokeoff Mountain Pl., Inskip Pl., Big Bend Dr., Loomis Peak Pl., Blue Ridge Mountain. Dr., Beegum Peak Place, Tedrock Mountain Pl., Acacia Pl., Fish Creek Pl., Plumas Pl., Indian Tom Dr., Blue Lake Pl., Cottonwood Dr., Deer Creek Pl., Lake Helen Pl., Cloud Creek Pl., Digger Creek Pl., Antelope Creek Dr., and Squaw Creek Pl.

**GROUP #2: WEDNESDAYS, FRIDAYS, AND SUNDAYS**

Streets Included in Group #2:

Caramelo St., Zapatero Ln., Querido Dr., Espinazo Way, Azulejo Pl., Racimo Dr., Cereza Pl., Oak Run Pl., Buckeye Pl., Little Valley Dr., Rosewood Pl., Stringtown Pl., Canyon Dam Pl., Stoneyford Pl., Gazelle Pl., White Horse Pl., Fort Seward Pl., Weaverville, Kingsley Cove, Rio Alto Drive, Schooner, Dinghy, Kelp, Sloop, Shoal Pl., Kleat Pl., Sandpiper Ln., Fjord Ln., Seabreeze Pl., Shoreline Dr., Compass Dr., Edgewater Dr., Jib Ct., Yawl Pl., Ketch Pl., Starboard Pl., Alee Pl., Yar Pl., Banner Way, Windward Way, North Marina Way, South Marina Way, Finger Point Way, Equestrian Center and all POA commercial properties.

**SIMPLY INCREASING YOUR WATERING TIMES ON WATERING DAYS WILL NOT ACHIEVE YOUR 25% REDUCTION.**

- (b) The taking of any action prohibited in subdivision (a) of this section, in addition to any other applicable civil or criminal penalties, is an infraction, punishable by a fine of up to five hundred dollars (\$500) for each day in which the violation occurs. Violators will be issued a one-time warning with fines progressively increasing with continued violations as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Offense – Warning
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense - \$50 fine
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense - \$100 fine
- 4<sup>th</sup> Offense - \$500 fine

Citations will be mailed to both owners of record and occupants. The District will allow five mailing days for receipt of violation citation. Citations may be contested at the next regular meeting of the Rio Alto Water District Board of Directors held after the citation is issued.

**Additional Water Conservation Measures Implemented:**

- (1) **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 the option in each guestroom using clear and easily understood language; (new)**
- (2) **The Water Board shall impose restrictions to require that commercial, industrial, and institutional properties, such as campuses, golf courses, and cemeteries, immediately implement water efficiency measures to reduce potable water in an amount consistent with the 25% reduction; (new)**
- (3) **The Water Board shall direct urban water suppliers to develop rate structures and other pricing mechanisms, including but not limited to surcharges, fees, and penalties, to maximize water conservation consistent with statewide water restrictions. (new)**

**Background:** Water Code Section 1058.5 grants the State Water Board the authority to adopt emergency regulations in years when the Governor has issued a proclamation of emergency based upon drought conditions or when in response to drought conditions that exist, or are threatened, in a critically dry year immediately preceded by two or more consecutive below normal, dry or critically dry years. Emergency regulations adopted under Water Code section 1058.5 may remain in effect for up to 270 days. The U.S. Drought Monitor currently classifies the entire state of California as experiencing severe to exceptional drought conditions. Storage in California's reservoirs remains below normal and the state snow pack is currently well below average levels.

Drought conditions have already forced the State Water Resources Control Board to curtail surface water diversions, and many groundwater basins around the state are already in overdraft conditions that will likely worsen due to groundwater pumping this summer. Many water supply systems face a present or threatened risk of inadequate supply.

**Rio Alto Water District's Position:** Drought conditions have resulted in mandatory water usage conservation measures to all water districts throughout California. Although implementation of the above State measures will have a negative impact to water district revenues and staff work load, nevertheless, are necessary and constitute best business practices to insure our future water supplies. We thank you in advance for your continued support.