

## **RESOLUTION 1238-2014**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF RIO DELL DECLARING A WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCY AND IMPLEMENTING CHAPTER 13.05.440 OF THE RIO DELL MUNICIPAL CODE, AND STAGE 2 (SERIOUS WATER SHORTAGE-MANDATORY REDUCTION) OF CITY OF RIO DELL WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN (SEPTEMBER, 2000 EDITION)**

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a State of Water Emergency on January 17, 2014 and called upon all state officials to take all necessary actions to prepare for drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Governor further called upon local urban water suppliers and municipalities to implement their local water shortage contingency plans immediately in order to forestall outright restrictions that could become necessary later in the drought season; and

WHEREAS, on July 2, 2014 the City of Rio Dell received from the State Water Resources Control Board a notice withdrawing immediately the City's water right to divert water from the Eel River until further notice, offering 7 days for the City to file an exception Claims Form; and

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2014 the City of Rio Dell did file with the State Water Resources Control Board the "Human Health and Safety Claims Form" implementing Serious Water Shortage Stage 3 of the City's Contingency Plan, prohibiting all outside water use and curtailing personal indoor water use target to not more than 50 gallons of water per day per resident; and

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2014 the City of Rio Dell received from the State Water Resources Control Board a notice immediately rescinding the July 2, 2014 notice curtailing the city's water rights thereby relieving the 50 gallons of water per day per resident; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rio Dell's only source of water for the community of 3,400 residents is the infiltration gallery in the Eel River and the Main Stem of the Eel River is rapidly approaching a record low flow and elevation which prompts continued but more measured conservation efforts; and

WHEREAS, the State Water Resources Control Board and the Governor of the State of California have called for reduced outdoor urban water use; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that implementation of Stage 2 of the City of Rio Dell Water Shortage Contingency Plan and Section 13.05.440 of the Rio Dell Municipal Code remains necessary in light of the ongoing water shortage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Rio Dell as follows:

1. The City Council of the City of Rio Dell continues its declaration of a serious water shortage emergency as reflected in Resolution 1234-2014 effective August 5, 2014, and continuing until the Rio Dell City Council rescinds the emergency declaration by Resolution, and
2. Pursuant to Section 13.05.440 of the Rio Dell Municipal Code, Section 2 of the Rio Dell Water Shortage Contingency Plan (dated September, 2000) is hereby implemented, and the previous City Council declaration of Stage 3 implementation is withdrawn pending further action by the Council.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Rio Dell, State of California, on August 5, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

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Jack Thompson, Mayor

Attest:

I, Karen Dunham, City Clerk for the City of Rio Dell, State of California, hereby certify the above to be a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 1234-2014 adopted by the City Council of the City of Rio Dell on July 15, 2014.

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Karen Dunham, City Clerk

**Stage 2 — Mandatory Conservation Measures.** Mandatory implementation of conservation measures.

Customers shall comply with the following water conservation measures:

- Refrain from landscape watering between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00p.m.;
- Restrict outdoor water usage to an 'Odd Even' water conservation plan. Under this plan Odd numbered homes and businesses will be asked to restrict there outside water usage to Wednesday and Friday. Even numbered homes and businesses will be asked to water outdoors only on Tuesday and Thursday;
- Refrain from allowing water to run off any lawns, landscape, or garden into adjoining streets, gutters, sidewalks, parking lot or alley;
- Refrain from hosing or washing sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots or other hard surfaced areas;
- Refrain from washing cars, boats, trailers, or other vehicles except by hose with a shut off nozzle and bucket;
- Equip any hose with a quick acting shut-off nozzle;
- Promptly repair all leaks in plumbing fixtures, water lines, and sprinkler systems;
- Equip ornamental fountains, ponds or lakes with a water recycling system;
- Equip commercial car washes with a water recycling system;
- Refrain from filling or refilling a swimming pool, spa or hot tub;
- Restaurants provide on each table a notice of water emergency and refrain from serving drinking water except upon specific request by a customer;
- Hotels and motels provide in each room a notice of water emergency.

Customers will be notified via news media and other methods of this stage of water shortage emergency and implementation of mandatory conservation measures.

Industrial water users will be specifically notified via telephone and City staff will make every attempt to keep them informed of the status of the water emergency so they can prepare for a possible shutdown of production.

This stage takes effect when tank levels drop below 50% of their capacity.

Warnings will be issued for water waste, over-watering and water leaks. Citations will be issued and Fines and Penalties imposed in accordance with City Ordinances.

## **WATER USE MONITORING**

Our water source is metered and readings are recorded daily. All customer accounts are metered and read monthly. Water production records are reviewed on a regular basis.

The water system facilities, including storage tanks levels, system pressure and pump operations are inspected daily.

When emergency action Stages 2, 3 and 4 are in effect, system facilities will be monitored (around the clock) as often as needed each day with the results reported to the Director of Public Works and the City Manager.

Existing record keeping and monitoring methods will allow us to determine actual reductions in water use during a water shortage emergency.

## **CONSERVATION EFFORTS**

On August 31, 2000 City Officials posted a Public Service Announcement asking Rio Dell water system customers to conserve water and use the 'Odd Even' water conservation plan for out-door water usage. A second Announcement was posted on September 13, 2000, a copy of that PSA is attached to this document. Water Conservation brochures are available at Rio Dell City Hall and other business and governmental entities throughout the City.

The City has developed this water conservation program to prevent water shortages and provide information to the public in order to promote voluntary conservation measures and to plan for further conservation measures in the event of water supply and/or systematic problems. The program will include announcements on utility bills, handouts, brochures and news media advertising.

## **VIOLATIONS**

Warnings will be issued for water waste, over-watering and water leaks. Citations will be issued and fines imposed, in accordance with City Ordinances and this Plan.

## **IMPLEMENTATION**

Upon adoption of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan, City officials will market and promote water conservation measures. City Officials will enforce the provisions and intent of this plan diligently to protect the water rights of all the water users in the City of Rio Dell.

## **CONTACTS**

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