

Ordinance Fact Sheet

TO: CITY COUNCIL DATE: FEBRUARY 27, 2017
FROM: CITY ATTORNEY
SUBJECT: AMENDMENT OF WATER WASTE PROHIBITIONS AND
WATER SUPPLY SHORTAGE PLANS ORDINANCE

TITLE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 13, CHAPTER 13.10, WATER WASTE PROHIBITIONS AND WATER SUPPLY SHORTAGE PLANS

PURPOSES OF THE ORDINANCE:

The purpose of this Ordinance is to revise Title 13, Chapter 13.10 of the Pasadena Municipal Code to: align it with current state requirements, incorporate conservation measures previously adopted by the City Council to address water shortages, promote more efficient water use on a permanent basis, and provide additional clarity to reflect prior City council direction when implementing Water Supply Shortage Plans.

REASONS WHY LEGISLATION IS NEEDED:

In 2015, Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. called for a 25 percent reduction in urban water use and, as a result, the Pasadena City Council called for increased water conservation in the City by implementing the Level 2 Water Supply Shortage Plan on June 1, 2015. More recently, on May 9, 2016, Governor Brown built upon the State's conservation success and signed Executive Order B-37-16 to establish long-term water conservation measures and improve planning for more frequent and severe droughts. The proposed amendments to the ordinance enhance the City Council's ability to make timely adjustments to an ongoing water shortage, reduce administrative burden and costs, and provide additional clarity and alignment with State requirements.

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CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT:

On February 6, 2017, the City Council found that the proposed revisions to the ordinance to encourage water conservation and prevent water waste are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15307 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for the Protection of Natural Resources).

PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENTS OR GROUPS AFFECTED:

The Pasadena Water and Power Department, its customers and the general public will be impacted by this Ordinance.


FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact as a result of this action. The recommended actions are not expected to substantially change water sales or administrative costs associated with water conservation and waste enforcement activities. Any outreach costs will be absorbed in the FY2017 budget for water conservation programs.


POLICY CHANGES:

The proposed actions are consistent with the Water Integrated Resource Plan, the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan, the Urban Environmental Accords Goal to reduce potable water use, and the City Council Strategic Planning Goals to increase conservation and sustainability.


Respectfully submitted,


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