

PROCLAMATION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Pasadena Ordering Implementation of a Level 1 Water Supply Shortage Plan Pursuant to Title 13, Chapter 13.10 of the Pasadena Municipal Code ("City of Pasadena Water Waste Prohibitions and Water Supply Shortage Plans"); and Establishing a Voluntary 20 Percent Water Conservation Target

WHEREAS, on May 18, 2014, after a duly noticed public hearing, the City Council determined that a water supply shortage exists; and

WHEREAS, extreme drought conditions have severely impacted water supplies in California; and

WHEREAS, the State Water Resources Control Board made a determination on July 15, 2014, that an emergency exists due to severe drought conditions, and adopted emergency regulations that require water agencies within the state to impose numerous conservation measures and water waste prohibitions, including the implementation of water shortage contingency plans that include mandatory restrictions on the number of watering days, and

WHEREAS, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted expanded emergency water conservation regulations on March 17, 2015, that include the prohibition of irrigation of turf 48 hours following a measurable precipitation; and

WHEREAS, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted a statewide water conservation approach on May 18, 2016, that replaced the previous percentage reduction conservation standard with a localized "stress test" and mandates urban water suppliers self-certify the level of

available water supplies they have assuming three additional dry years;  
and

WHEREAS, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted an extension of the emergency water conservation regulations on February 8, 2017, that continues the existing “stress test” approach; and continues all other aspects of the existing emergency regulations, including: 1) monthly reporting on water production and local enforcement action; 2) prohibited water uses (e.g., no irrigation during and for 48 hours after rain); and 3) ability to issue informational and conservation orders; and

WHEREAS, Section 13.10.035 of the Pasadena Municipal Code authorizes the City Council to implement a water shortage plan by public proclamation to become effective immediately upon publication.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Pasadena hereby finds, determines and proclaims as follows:

1. A Water Conservation Target of twenty percent (20%) is the voluntary percentage reduction in the Water and Power Department’s total water sales to mitigate the water supply shortage.

2. A Level 1 Water Supply Shortage Plan is hereby ordered to take effect pursuant to Title 13, Chapter 13.10, Section 13.10.040 of the Pasadena Municipal Code and the following water conservation requirements shall be in effect:

A. Limits on Watering Days: Watering or irrigating of lawn, landscape or other vegetated area is limited to three (3) days per week from April 1 through October 31, and no

more than one (1) day per week from November 1 through March 31, on a schedule established and posted by the City of Pasadena Water and Power Department ("Department"). This restriction does not apply to the exemptions from watering day limitations provided for in the new exemptions section of the Pasadena Municipal Code Section 13.10.037 as adopted by the City Council on March 13, 2017, and which became effective on March 15, 2017, as follows:

- Landscape irrigation zones that exclusively use low flow drip type irrigation systems where no emitter produces more than 2 gallons of water per hour;
- Watering or irrigating by use of a hand-held bucket or similar container, or a hand-held hose equipped with a water shut-off nozzle or device;
- Watering for very short periods of time for the express purpose of adjusting or repairing an irrigation system;
- Maintenance of trees as necessary to sustain their health and viability;
- Maintenance of vegetation, including fruit trees and shrubs, intended for consumption;
- Maintenance of landscape for fire protection;
- Maintenance of landscape for soil erosion control;
- Maintenance of plant materials identified to be rare or essential to the well-being of protected species;
- Maintenance of landscape within active public parks and playing fields including playing fields on school grounds and at day care centers, provided that such irrigation is for the express purpose of maintaining the landscape in a condition required for recreation playing fields and athletic events, and does not exceed 3 days per week;
- Establishment of newly planted drought tolerant landscape consisting of drought tolerant plants, shrubs, and/or native plants; and
- Actively irrigated environmental mitigation projects.

B. Obligation to Fix Leaks, Breaks or

Malfunctions: All leaks, breaks or other malfunctions in the water user's plumbing or distribution system shall be repaired within seventy-two (72) hours of notification by the Department unless other arrangements are made with the Department.

3. City personnel are hereby authorized to take all necessary and appropriate steps to implement the Level 1 Water Supply Shortage Plan, including without limitation publication of this Proclamation as provided in Section 13.10.035 of the Pasadena Municipal Code.

4. The Level 1 Water Supply Shortage shall remain in effect until further order of the City Council.

5. This Proclamation shall take effect immediately upon publication.

Adopted at the regular meeting of the City Council on the 27th day of March, 2017, by the following vote:


Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

Approved as to form:

  
Lisa Hosey  
Deputy City Attorney

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Mark Jomsky, CMC  
City Clerk