

PROCLAMATION NO. _____

A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA
ORDERING TEMPORARY IMPLEMENTATION OF A LEVEL 4 WATER SUPPLY
SHORTAGE PLAN PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 13.10 OF THE PASADENA
MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, Pasadena imports sixty percent of its water from the Metropolitan Water District; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Water District has scheduled a shutdown for repairs at its F.E. Weymouth Water Treatment Plant, Eagle Rock Tower, and Upper Feeder Pipeline from February 21 through February 28, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Pasadena must rely solely on water stored in reservoirs and local groundwater supplies during the eight-day shutdown period, which will not meet its water system demands; and

WHEREAS, a thirty percent reduction in water system use during the shutdown period will be necessary to ensure adequate supplies for indoor and other critical water needs; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 13.10 of the Pasadena Municipal Code authorizes the City Council to implement a water shortage plan (“WSP”) by public proclamation; and

WHEREAS, a Level 4 WSP must be implemented in order to achieve the required thirty percent reduction in water system use during the shutdown period; and

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

1. Shutdown of the F.E. Weymouth Water Treatment Plant, Eagle Rock Tower, and Upper Feeder Pipeline will result in a Level 4 water supply

shortage condition, also referred to as an “emergency” condition, for the period of the shutdown.

2. The emergency condition as described herein will necessitate a thirty percent reduction in water system demand to eliminate or mitigate the water supply shortage.

3. A Level 4 WSP is hereby ordered to take effect February 21, 2013

pursuant to Section 13.10.052 of the Pasadena Municipal Code. The following Level 4 water conservation requirements are hereby ordered:

A. No Watering or Irrigating: Watering or irrigating of lawn, landscape or other vegetated area is prohibited. This restriction does not apply to the following categories of use, as determined by the department in its sole discretion:

i. Maintenance of vegetation, including fruit trees and shrubs, vegetation intended for consumption.

ii. Maintenance of existing landscape necessary for fire protection.

iii. Maintenance of existing landscape for soil erosion control.

iv. Maintenance of plant materials identified to be rare or essential to the well-being of protected species.

v. Maintenance of landscape within active public parks and playing fields, school grounds, golf course greens, and day care centers, provided that such irrigation does not exceed 2 days per week, according to a schedule established and posted by the Department.

vi. 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 twenty-four (24) hours of notification by the Department unless other arrangements are made.

C. Limits on Filling Ornamental Lakes or Ponds: Filling or re-filling ornamental lakes or ponds is prohibited, except to the extent needed to sustain aquatic life.

D. Limits on Filling Residential Swimming Pools and Spas: Refilling of more than 1 foot and initial filling of residential swimming pools or outdoor spas is prohibited.

E. No New Potable Water Service: No new potable water service will be provided, no new temporary meters or permanent meters will be provided, and no statements of immediate ability to service or provide potable water service will be issued, except under the following circumstances:

- i. A valid, unexpired building permit has been issued for the project; or
- ii. The project is necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare; or
- iii. The applicant provides substantial evidence of an enforceable commitment that water demands for the project will be offset prior to the provision of a new water meter(s) to the satisfaction of the Department.

5. The Level 4 WSP hereby ordered shall remain in effect until the F.E.

Weymouth Water Treatment Plant, Eagle Rock Tower, and Upper Feeder Pipeline resume operation and the City Manager determines that the City is receiving its normal water supply from the Metropolitan Water District.

6. The City Manager is hereby authorized to take all necessary and appropriate steps to implement this Proclamation.

7. This Proclamation shall take effect immediately upon publication.

Adopted at the regular meeting of the City Council on the 28th day of January, 2013, by the following vote:

AYES:


NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Mark Jomsky, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Lisa J. Hosey
Deputy City Attorney