Ordinance Fact Sheet

October 20, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: City Attorney/City Prosecutor Department

SUBJECT: **ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 13 - CHAPTER 13.10 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDING THE WATER WASTE PROHIBITIONS AND WATER SUPPLY SHORTAGE PLANS**

TITLE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE:

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

PURPOSE OF ORDINANCE:

As directed by the City Council on August 31, 2026, this ordinance implements and codifies modifications to the Pasadena Municipal Code related to Assembly Bill ("AB") 1572, which prohibits the use of potable water to irrigate nonfunctional turf on commercial, industrial, and institutional properties, as well as public agencies, common areas of homeowners' associations, and other specific entities as outlined in the legislation..

REASON WHY LEGISLATION IS NEEDED:

In addition to the statewide prohibition on potable water to irrigate nonfunctional turf, AB 1572 requires public water systems to update local ordinances, regulations, or policies by January 1, 2027, to include the same prohibitions, and to notify customers by that date. PWP staff have been working with customers since 2023 to ensure they are aware of the upcoming requirements.

PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENTS OR GROUPS AFFECTED:

The Department of Water and Power will implement the proposed ordinance.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The recommended action does not have any immediate impact on the annual budget for the Water Fund. Any programs to be developed to support the implementation of this ordinance, including public education, incentive programs, and education classes, will utilize existing budgeted appropriations in the Water Fund (Fund 402). There is no impact to the General Fund.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

On August 31, 2026, the City Council found that the action proposed herein is 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).

Respectfully submitted,

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