




**ITEM 17. CONSIDER FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 159 -- AN URGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING RULE 141, WATER CONSERVATION REBATES, AND REGULATION XV, EXPANDED WATER CONSERVATION AND STANDBY RATIONING PLAN**

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# Summary of Ordinance 159

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- Ordinance No. 159 is an urgency ordinance to amend Rule 141 (Water Conservation Rebates) and to clean up several outdated areas of Regulation XV, the Expanded Water Conservation and Standby Rationing Plan.
  - An urgency ordinance takes effect immediately and expires after one year.
  - Adoption may occur this evening with a vote of five directors.
  - Staff anticipates a comprehensive ordinance in the next year that will codify these changes in the Rules & Regulations.
  - Urgency exists to adopt these rules at the April meeting.



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## Amendments to Rebate Program

- Rule 141 amended to allow more than 20 toilets to be replaced on a publicly-owned Site
- Rebates for High Efficiency Clothes Washers (HECW) at Non-Residential Sites will be reinstated until either June 1 or June 30 due to limited availability of Commercial HECW
- Maximum Lawn removal Rebate increased for permanent removal of irrigated Lawns at public Sites on a case-by-case basis when approved by the Board



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## Amendment to Regulation XV

- Triggers for entering and exiting Stages 4-7 are outdated and no longer applicable
- Revised target numbers adopted in May have been used to determine the need for rationing over the past ten years
- The ordinance replaces the existing target numbers with a table that is amended annually by resolution of the Board

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- Stage 1 Water Conservation is amended for consistency with Rule 161-B
- Rule 172-E, Landscape Irrigation Restrictions, is updated to reflect the new two-day per week watering schedule of Wednesdays and Saturdays
- Ordinance was reviewed by the Water Demand Committee, California American Water, and the Office of Ratepayer Advocates at the CPUC

# Urgency

- The rebate program requires immediate amendments do to extraordinary circumstances that prevented certain Non-Residential users from completing retrofits before the end of 2013
- The Rebate account is the appropriate fund for providing financial incentives to remove large irrigated public lawns to reduce demand during the statewide drought and Cease and Desist Order
- The Board reviews the need for rationing in May and the rules currently contain outdated numbers
- New watering days simplify enforcement and compliance during the drought.

# Recommendation

- The Board should receive public comment
- Adopt Ordinance No. 159 with urgency
- Effective immediately
- Expires after one year
- Rule 141 amendments are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Existing Facilities
- Regulation XV amendments are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Water Code §10652 and CEQA Guidelines §15282 (v).

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