



Revised Expanded Water Conservation and Standby Rationing Plan Workshop

December 1, 2015

Agenda and Workshop “Rules”

AGENDA

- Review existing plan
- Problems with the existing plan
- Review proposed plan
- Schedule
- Questions and comments from workshop participants

Workshop “Rules”

- The topic: Proposed amendments to Regulation XV, The Expanded Water Conservation and Standby Rationing Plan
- Comments/questions need to be specific to the proposal presented
- This workshop is not about water rates and charges
- Comments should be limited to 3 minutes

About MPWMD

- Special district created by the California Legislature in 1978
- Authority for management of ground and surface water
- Regulatory authority over all water suppliers within its boundaries
 - California American Water
 - Seaside Municipal Water
 - Canada Woods (Monterra/Tehama)
 - Wells and small water systems
- Serves California cities of Carmel, Del Rey Oaks, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Sand City and Seaside, Monterey Airport District, and Unincorporated County including Carmel Valley/Carmel Highlands

Background:

1998 Conservation/Rationing Plan

- 7-Stage Plan (always in Stage 1)
 - Water waste restrictions
 - Tiered rates (residential)
 - Best Management Practice (BMP) rates (commercial)
- First 4 Stages intended to achieve regulatory compliance with Cease & Desist Order
- Stages 5-7 are water rationing
 - Regulatory
 - Drought
 - Emergency

Background:

1998 Conservation/Rationing Plan

- Stage 1: Water waste enforcement, customer surveys
- Stage 2 landscape water audit/budget requirement for large users, dedicated landscape meters, open space
- Stage 3 Conservation Rates
 - Residential Blocks 2 and 3 increase by half
 - Residential Blocks 4 and 5 double
 - Commercial Division 1 increases by 10%
 - Commercial Divisions 2 and 3 increase by 25%
 - Commercial Division 4 doubles

Background:

1998 Conservation/Rationing Plan

- Stage 4 rationing implementation preparation
- Stages 5-7 rationing at different percentages
 - Residential rations by person (per capita)
 - 35 GPCD minimum ration
 - Non-residential rations by percentage reduction based on use “factor”
 - Moratorium on intensifications in use, then offset credits
 - Increasing restrictions on non-essential water use

Problems with the 1998 Plan

- Local landscape water use is significantly lower than water budgets (Stage 2)
- Even at the minimum ration of 35 GPCD, there was insufficient water for non-residential uses based on CAW's survey information
 - CAW survey data grossly exaggerated
- Commercial factors do not account for differences in business practices
- Shuttering businesses impacts the community
 - Jobs (hospitality industry provides 22,000 jobs)
 - Economy
- Difficult and expensive to administer
- Identified need to update as part of CDO extension request

Proposed 2016 Conservation/Rationing Plan

- Reduced from 7 to 4 stages
- Replaced landscape budget requirement with a “call to action” in Stage 2 (voluntary conservation)
- Water waste enforcement is crucial in lower stages
- 2 levels of “conservation rates” in Stage 3
 - Level 1: 25% (Residential Tier 1 exempt)
 - Level 2: 40% (Residential Tier 1 exempt)
- “Household” rations in Stage 4
 - Ability to get additional water for special needs and large households
- Eliminates non-essential uses before impacting business

Proposed 2016 Conservation/Rationing Plan

- Best Management Practice-compliant commercial use variance
- “Hardship” variances
- No variances/exemptions for:
 - Short-Term Residential Housing (Household Ration only)
 - Guests and short-term visitors
 - Irrigation, other than variances allowed for required riparian irrigation or safety
 - Filling spas, ponds, fountains, etc.
 - Leaks that are not repaired within 72 hours of notice

Proposed 2016 Conservation/Rationing Plan

Scheduling

- Workshops December 1, 2015
- Ongoing Outreach December-January 2016
- Public Hearing January 27, 2016
- Board First Reading January 27, 2016
- Public Hearing February 17, 2016
- Consider Adoption February 17, 2016

At this point, we will receive and respond to questions, or you may speak to the proposed revisions for up to 3 minutes.

Please state your name for the record.
All comments will be recorded.

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