

RESOLUTION NO. 3057-14

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WINDSOR
DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A STAGE 1 WATER SHORTAGE CONDITION
AND DIRECTING IMPLEMENTATION OF VOLUNTARY WATER DEMAND
REDUCTION MEASURES**

WHEREAS, the Town of Windsor is a retail water purveyor and a Sonoma County Water Agency Water Contractor; and

WHEREAS, calendar year 2013 was the lowest rainfall year on record in 120 years; and

WHEREAS, the historical dry conditions have resulted in severely low storage levels in Lake Mendocino, requiring a Temporary Urgency Change order to be issued by the State Water Resources Control Board enabling lower in stream releases to the Russian River and preserving lake storage; and

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2014, Governor Brown declared a statewide drought in California and called for a 20 percent voluntary reduction in water use; and

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2014, the Water Advisory Committee for the Restructured Water Supply Agreement for the Russian River project adopted a resolution that encourages residents to increase water use efficiency and urged water customers to heed the Governor's declaration to reduce water use by 20%; and

WHEREAS, Title XII, Chapter 3, Article 8 ("Conservation of Water Supply"), Section 12-3-800 *et seq.* of the Code of the Town of Windsor ("Code") authorizes the Town Council to prohibit the non-essential use of water upon the declaration of a water shortage emergency condition; and

WHEREAS, Section 12-3-825 further authorizes the Town Council to impose Stage 1 water shortage emergency measures for the voluntary reduction of water consumption; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Water Code Section 350 *et seq.*, the Town duly published notice of a public hearing on the proposed Stage 1 declaration; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on February 19, 2014, at which time public comment was heard and considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Windsor hereby finds, determines and declares that a Stage 1 water shortage emergency condition exists and urges water customers to heed the Governors declaration to voluntarily reduce water use by 20%, and declares certain water uses to be non-essential, all as specified in Section 12-3-825 of the Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all customers are subject to the water waste prohibitions and water shortage emergency measures listed in Exhibit "A."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Town staff are directed to do what is necessary and proper to implement Stage 1 voluntary conservation through education and outreach, by monitoring customer water use and encouraging customers to increase water use efficiency measures.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of February, 2014 by the following vote:

**AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS FUDGE, GOBLE, SALMON AND
MAYOR OKREPKE**
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: VICE MAYOR ALLEN



BRUCE OKREPKE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



MARIA DE LA O, TOWN CLERK

Attachment: Exhibit "A"

Exhibit "A"
Stage 1 Water Shortage Emergency Measures and Prohibitions

Measures:

1. Apply irrigation water only during the evening and early morning hours to reduce evaporation losses;
2. Inspect all irrigation systems, repair leaks, and adjust spray heads to provide optimum coverage and eliminate avoidable over-spray;
3. For irrigation valves controlling water applied to turf grass, vary the minutes of run-time consistent with fluctuations in weather;
4. Reduce minutes of run-time for each irrigation cycle if water begins to run-off to gutters and ditches before the irrigation cycle is completed;
5. Become informed about and strictly adhere to the Town's Water Waste Prohibitions listed in Section 12-3-825 of the Windsor Municipal Code;
6. Utilize water conservation incentive, rebate and giveaway programs to replace water guzzling plumbing fixtures and appliances with water efficient models.
7. Take advantage of the free information available from the Town on how to use water efficiently, read a water meter, repair ordinary leaks, and how to apply water efficiently to the landscape;

Prohibitions:

- a. Washing of sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots and other hard-surfaced areas by direct hosing.
- b. Escape of water through breaks or leaks within the customer's plumbing or private distribution system for any substantial period of time within which such break or leak should reasonably have been discovered and corrected. It shall be presumed that a period of seventy two (72) hours after the customer discovers such a break or leak or receives notice from the Town, is a reasonable time within which to correct such break or leak or, as a minimum, to stop the flow of water from such break or leak.
- c. Irrigation in a manner or to an extent which allows excessive runoff of water or unreasonable over-spray of the areas being watered. Every customer is deemed to have his water system under control at all times, to know the manner and extent of his water use and any run off, and to employ available alternatives to apply irrigation water in a reasonably efficient manner.
- d. Water for non-recycling decorative water fountains.
- e. Water for single pass evaporative cooling systems for air conditioning in all connections installed after July 18, 2007 unless required for health or safety reasons.
- f. Water for new non-recirculating conveyor car wash systems.
- g. Water for new non-recirculating industrial clothes wash systems.
- h. Refilling a swimming pool that was drained after Stage 1 condition has been declared.
- i. Water escaping from a broken pipe or leak once discovered and after passage of a reasonable amount of time to determine how to shut off the water.
- j. Non-commercial washing of motor vehicles, trailers and boats except from a bucket with use of a hose equipped with a shutoff nozzle for a quick rinse.