

**RESOLUTION NO. 3118-14**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WINDSOR  
TERMINATING STAGE 1 WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCY AND  
DECLARING A STAGE 2 WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCY AND DIRECTING  
IMPLEMENTATION OF MANDATORY WATER RESTRICTIONS**

**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 issued by the State Water Resources Control Board earlier this year 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**, on February 19, 2014, the Town Council adopted Resolution 3057-14 in support of the call voluntarily to reduce water use by 20%; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 15, 2014 the State Water Resources Control Board (State) adopted emergency regulations for mandatory outdoor water restrictions due to the ongoing drought emergency;

**WHEREAS**, a duly noticed public hearing was held on August 6, 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 terminates the existing Stage 1 water shortage emergency condition; finds, determines and declares that a Stage 2 water shortage emergency condition exists, with an overall mandatory rationing requirement of 20 percent; and declares certain water uses to be non-essential and declares suspension of new connections, all as specified in Section 12-3-800 *et.seq.* of the Code.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all customers are subject to the Stage 2 water shortage emergency measures and prohibitions listed in Exhibit "A."

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Town staff is directed to do what is necessary and appropriate to implement the Stage 2 water shortage emergency through education and outreach, by monitoring customer water use and encouraging customers to increase water use efficiency measures, by inspection of outdoor water waste prohibitions and mandatory restrictions, and by enforcement thereof.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 2014 by the following vote:

**AYES:** COUNCILMEMBERS FUDGE, GOBLE, SALMON AND  
MAYOR OKREPKE

**NOES:** VICE MAYOR ALLEN

**ABSTAIN:** NONE

**ABSENT:** NONE

  
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**BRUCE OKREPKE, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**MARIA DE LA O, TOWN CLERK**

**Attachment:**  
Exhibit "A"

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Stage 2 Water Shortage Emergency Measures and Prohibitions

Measures:

1. Inspect all irrigation systems, repair leaks, and adjust spray heads to provide optimum coverage and eliminate avoidable over-spray;
2. For irrigation valves controlling water applied to turf grass, vary the minutes of run-time consistent with fluctuations in weather;
3. 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;
4. Become informed about and strictly adhere to the Town's Water Waste Prohibitions listed in Section 12-3-825 of the Windsor Municipal Code;
5. Utilize water conservation incentive, rebate and giveaway programs to replace water guzzling plumbing fixtures and appliances with water efficient models.
6. 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. Initial filling of any swimming pool for which approval of a construction permit issued by the Town was made after the date on which the water shortage emergency condition was declared to exist, and refilling a swimming pool that was drained after the emergency condition has been declared.
- i. 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.
- j. Watering of new turf grass or replacement turf grass.
- k. Service of drinking water at any restaurant, cafe, cafeteria or other public place where food is sold, served or offered for sale, unless expressly requested by a patron.

Use of Sprinklers is Conditional:

- a. Automated sprinkler irrigation must be properly controlled and performed in a non-wasteful and efficient manner between the nighttime hours of 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. of the next day.
- b. The amount of water normally required to maintain a healthy landscape shall be reduced by 20 percent, based on landscape size, plant water requirement, and current weather as specified in section 12-3-835 of the Windsor Municipal Code.