

**RESOLUTION NO. 3688-21**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WINDSOR  
DECLARING A LEVEL 2 WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCY AND DIRECTING  
THE 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**, the Russian River watershed has experienced extremely dry conditions since 2020, with Water Year 2021 being the driest year in the Ukiah Valley during the past 127 years of record, and Water Year 2020 being the fourth driest; and

**WHEREAS**, the drought continues into 2021, Lake Mendocino and Lake Sonoma are at their lowest levels for this time of the year since they began storing water in 1959 and 1984, respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 21, 2021, Governor Newsom declared a drought emergency in California's northwest counties, including Sonoma County; and called voluntary reduction in water use; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 3, 2021, 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 reduce water use by 20 percent; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 5, 2021, the Town Council adopted Resolution No. 3671-21 in support of a voluntarily 20% reduction in water use; and

**WHEREAS**, the historically 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 on June 14, 2021, enabling lowering stream releases to the Russian River and preserving lake storage; and

**WHEREAS**, a duly noticed public hearing was held on July 21, 2021, 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 Level 2 water shortage emergency condition exists, with an overall mandatory water use reduction requirement of 20 percent; and declares certain water uses to be non-essential, all as specified in Section 12-3-800 *et seq.* of the Code; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all customers must comply with the Level 2 water shortage emergency measures as defined in the adopted Water Shortage Contingency Plan and prohibitions listed in Section 12-3-800 *et seq.* of the Code; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Level 2 overall mandatory rationing requirement shall be a twenty (20) percent reduction from the corresponding billing period in 2020 and the following limits apply to water used for irrigation:

- The ETo adjustment factor, used as a percent reduction for landscape irrigation, shall be set at twenty-five (25) percent or (0.25).
- Landscape irrigation for residents living west of Highway 101 shall be limited to Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday.
- Landscape irrigation for residents living east of Highway 101 shall be limited to Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.
- No residential irrigation is allowed on Monday.
- Commercial customers, including multi-family customers with three or more units, and institutional customers may water no more than three (3) days per week and not on consecutive days. Exemptions may be granted for publicly owned recreational landscape areas provided a 25% reduction in water use compared to the corresponding billing period in 2020 is maintained; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the following additional uses are declared to be non-essential and are prohibited during a Level 2 or greater shortage emergency:

- Use of potable water to irrigate outdoor landscapes during and within forty-eight (48) hours after measurable rainfall.
- Use of potable water to irrigate outdoor landscapes in homes and buildings constructed after April 1, 2015, except where drip or micro-spray irrigation is used; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the goal of enforcement of non-essential water use, per Section 12-3-845 is to achieve voluntary compliance from the customer, and the District will take reasonable measures to assure the customer has information available to promptly and efficiently address water use issues. Where voluntary compliance cannot be achieved through initial contacts and warnings, then appropriate administrative penalties and further action will be taken; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Town staff is directed to do what is necessary and appropriate to implement the Level 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 21st day of July 2021 by the following vote:**

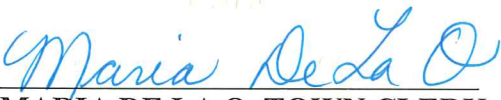
**AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS FUDGE, LEMUS,  
VICE MAYOR REYNOZA AND MAYOR SALMON**  
**NOES: NONE**  
**ABSTAIN: NONE**  
**ABSENT: NONE**

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**SAM SALMON, AT-LARGE MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**MARIA DE LA O, TOWN CLERK**