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NOTICE OF STAGE 2 MANDATORY WATER CONSERVATION AND RATIONING

Golden State Water Company (GSWC) filed an Advice Letter with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to activate Stage 2 in the Schedule 14.1 Staged Mandatory Water Conservation and Rationing in its Claremont and Simi Valley customer service areas. Schedule 14.1 provides information on restrictions, water allocations, enforcement measures and surcharges that will help to achieve reductions due to water supply shortages or to achieve identified water usage goals established by an authorized government agency or official.

On March 28, 2022, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-7-22 calling on each urban water supplier to implement actions to reduce water usage by 20-30 percent, depending on local conditions. The Executive Order also directs the Water Board to consider adopting emergency regulations to prohibit watering “non-functional turf,” or turf that serves only ornamental purposes, in the commercial, industrial, and institutional sectors during the ongoing drought emergency to conserve water supplies.

Additionally, The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) imposed restrictions to limit non-essential outdoor water use to one day per week to preserve available water supply for the greatest public benefit. Customers that reside in areas that receive water through MWD (Simi Valley and Claremont) will need to restrict usage to **one-day-per week** watering.

All restrictions will require water consumers to reduce usage as compared to the amount they used in 2020.

In response to the Governor’s Executive Order, and to achieve MWD’s reduction of non-essential water use and preserve water supplies, GSWC will implement Stage 2 Mandatory Water Conservation and Rationing in its Claremont and Simi Valley service territories requiring 20% mandatory reduction in customer usage. Customers in these areas will be required to limit outdoor water use to **one-day-per week starting on June 1, 2022 and potentially to no outdoor watering later in the year should a local water agency or local city ordinance limit all non-essential outdoor watering.**

Modified Schedule 14.1 Stage 2 for Simi Valley & Claremont

Due to the local city and water agency requirements, all outdoor irrigation is limited to one-day-per week and is restricted between the hours of 9 am – 5 pm according to the following watering schedule:

Claremont

Addresses Ending In:	Watering Days:
Even Numbers (0, 2, 4, 6, 8):	Monday
Odd Numbers (1, 3, 5, 7, 9):	Wednesday

Simi Valley

Addresses Ending In:	Watering Days:
Even Numbers (0, 2, 4, 6, 8):	Sunday
Odd Numbers (1, 3, 5, 7, 9):	Saturday

In order to achieve the water conservation goals from all customers, GSWC customers who are not currently meeting the mandatory 20% reduction will be charged a drought emergency surcharge of \$2.50 per Ccf for all usage in excess of the customer’s billing allocation (compared to 2020), as listed in Schedule 14.1, Section C., Stage 2 below:

Schedule 14.1 is applicable to all GSWC’s customer service areas.

C. MANDATORY WATER USE REDUCTION AND DROUGHT EMERGENCY SURCHARGES

Stage 1

Stage 1 is a “Water Alert” where voluntary conservation is encouraged.

Outdoor irrigation is restricted to three days per week:

Addresses Ending In:	Watering Days:
Even Numbers (0, 2, 4, 6, 8):	Sunday, Wednesday, Friday
Odd Numbers (1, 3, 5, 7, 9):	Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

All outdoor irrigation must occur between the hours of 7 pm - 8 am.

Failure to comply with these restrictions may result in the installation of a flow restrictor device along with associated fees for installation and removal.

If conditions warrant, GSWC will change the number of watering days and the specific day of watering after first notifying its customers in accordance with Rule 14.1.

Each subsequent Stage will be implemented if the preceding Stage allocations and drought emergency surcharges are deemed insufficient to achieve reductions due to water supply shortages or to achieve identified water usage goals established by an authorized government agency or official.

In addition to the restrictions identified in Stage 1, the following allocations and drought emergency surcharges are in effect for **Stages 2-6**:

1. Outdoor irrigation is restricted to two days per week:

Addresses Ending In:	Watering Days:
Even Numbers (0, 2, 4, 6, 8):	Sunday, Wednesday
Odd Numbers (1, 3, 5, 7, 9):	Tuesday, Saturday

2. All customers will have their baseline established using the 2020 usage data for their premise or an area wide average baseline for similar usage if 2020 data does not exist (e.g. new customer accounts).

3. The customer’s allocation will be based on the 2020 baseline less the mandatory reduction % per stage.

- Stage 2 - 20% mandatory reduction (Moderate Shortage)
- Stage 3 - 30% mandatory reduction (Severe Shortage)
- Stage 4 - 40% mandatory reduction (Critical Shortage)
- Stage 5 - 50% mandatory reduction (Shortage Crisis)
- Stage 6 - 55% mandatory reduction (Emergency Shortage)

4. No allocation will be set at less than eight (8) Ccf per monthly billing period or sixteen (16) Ccf per bi-monthly billing period.

5. All usage in excess of the customer’s allocation will be charged at the regular rate plus a drought emergency surcharge as follows:

- Stage 2 - \$2.50 per ccf
- Stage 3 - \$5.00 per ccf
- Stage 4 - \$7.50 per ccf
- Stage 5 - \$10.00 per ccf
- Stage 6 - \$15.00 per ccf

FLOW RESTRICTOR CHARGES

The charge for the installation and removal of a flow-restricting device shall be:

- 5/8” to 1” : \$150
- 1 1/2” to 2” : \$200
- 3” and larger: \$300

The flow restrictor will remain installed for a minimum of 7 days.

EXEMPTION AND APPEALS PROCESS

Any customer who seeks a variance from any of the provisions of this voluntary water conservation and mandatory rationing plan shall notify the GSWC in writing using the Appeals Form, explaining in detail the reason for such a variance. GSWC will evaluate each request based on the standard for efficient water usage, considering similar customers and meter size, and respond in writing.

The Appeals Form is available online at GSWC website: www.gswater.com/appeal or by calling 1-800-999-4033.

Any customer not satisfied with GSWC’s response may file an appeal with the Director of the CPUC’s Water Division.

If the customer disagrees with such disposition, the customer shall have the right to file a complaint with the CPUC. Except as set forth in this Section, no person shall have any right or claim in law or in equity, against GSWC because of, or as a result of, any matter or thing done or threatened to be done pursuant to the provisions of the voluntary water conservation and mandatory rationing plan.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. A Tier 2 advice letter will have to be filed with the CPUC to activate any of the Stages of Mandatory Water Use Reduction and Drought Emergency Surcharges listed in this Schedule.
2. The active Stage of Mandatory Water Use Reduction and Drought Emergency Surcharges is to remain in effect until a Tier 2 advice letter is filed with the CPUC to activate a different Stage or when Schedule 14.1 is deactivated.

3. Water-use violation fines and/or Drought Emergency Surcharges must be separately identified on each bill.
4. All bills are subject to reimbursement fee set forth on Schedule No. UF.
5. All revenues collected by GSWC through water use violation fines and/or Drought Emergency Surcharges shall not be accounted for as income but shall be accumulated in the WRAM and lost revenue portion tracked in the 2021 Water Conservation Memorandum Account (2021WCMA) for non-WRAM tariffs.
6. No Customer shall use GSWC's water for non-essential or unauthorized uses as defined below:
 - a. The application of potable water to outdoor landscapes in a manner that causes runoff onto adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, parking lots, or structures.
 - b. The use of a hose that dispenses potable water to wash a motor vehicle, except where the hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle or device attached to it that causes it to cease dispensing water immediately when not in use.
 - c. The use of potable water for washing buildings, structures, sidewalks, walkways, patios, tennis courts, or other hard-surfaced, non-porous areas.
 - d. The use of potable water in a fountain or other decorative water feature, except where the water is part of a recirculating system.
 - e. The use of potable water for watering outside plants, lawn, landscape, and turf area during certain hours prohibited by applicable laws or rules, during and up to 48 hours after measurable rainfall (0.1" or more).
 - f. GSWC will promptly notify customers when aware of leaks within the customer's control; the failure to repair any leaks, breaks, or other malfunction resulting in water waste in a customer's domestic or outdoor water system within forty-eight (48) hours of notification by GSWC, unless other, specific arrangements are made with and agreed to by GSWC.
 - g. The serving of water, other than upon request, in eating and drinking establishments, including but not limited to restaurants, hotels, cafes, bars, or other public places where food or drink are served and/or purchased.
 - h. Hotels/motels must provide guests with the option of choosing not to have towels and linens laundered daily and prominently display notice of this option.
 - i. The use of potable water for irrigation of ornamental turf on public street medians.
 - j. The use of potable water for irrigation outside of newly constructed homes and buildings that is not delivered by drip or micro spray systems.
 - k. Commercial, industrial, and institutional properties, such as campuses, golf courses, and cemeteries, immediately implement water efficiency measures to reduce potable water use in an amount consistent with the mandated reduction.
 - l. Further Reduction in or the complete prohibition of any other use of water declared non-essential, unauthorized, prohibited, or unlawful by an authorized government or regulatory agency or official.
 - m. Use of potable water for watering streets with trucks, or other vehicles, except for initial wash-down for construction purposes (if street sweeping is not feasible), or to protect the health and safety of the public.
 - n. The outdoor irrigation restriction does not apply to trees or edible vegetation watered solely by drip or microspray systems.

If you need additional information, or a copy of the Advice Letter you may visit GSWC's website at www.gswater.com or call the GSWC's 24-hour Customer Service Center, toll free, at 1-800-999-4033, TTY 1-877-933-9533.