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LEVEL 2 WATER SUPPLY SHORTAGE RESTRICTIONS LIFTED

Seal Beach, CA – On May 22, 2023, the City of Seal Beach City Council adopted Resolution 7410 ending the previously declared Level 2 Water Supply Shortage. The City reduced its shortage level to “Level 0” in response to California’s improved water supply conditions and Governor Gavin Newsom’s Executive Order (N-5-23). While the City’s Level 2 demand reductions actions are no longer in effect, water conservation is always prudent and permanent water waste prohibitions remain in place as stipulated in SBMC 9.37.

The City’s permanent mandatory water conservation measures are effective at all times and are as follows:

- Outdoor watering is prohibited between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., except by use of a hand-held bucket or similar container, a hand-held hose equipped with an automatic shut-off nozzle or device, or for very short periods of time for the express purpose of adjusting or repairing an irrigation system.
- Irrigation of lawn, landscape or other vegetated area using a landscape irrigation system is limited to no more than 15 minutes per station per day.
- Outdoor water runoff into public rights-of-way due to incorrectly maintained sprinklers or excessive watering is prohibited.
- Landscape watering during or within 48 hours after measurable rainfall is prohibited.
- Washing down hard or paved surfaces, including sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking areas, tennis courts, patios, or alleys is prohibited except when necessary to alleviate safety or sanitary hazards.
- All leaks from plumbing fixtures through breaks, leaks or other malfunctions must be fixed promptly after discovery, but in no case more than seven (7) days after discovery.
- Fountains and decorative water features must use recirculated water.
- Washing a motor vehicle, trailer, boat or other type of mobile equipment must be with a hand-held bucket or by a hose equipped with a positive shut-off nozzle.
- Restaurants serve water to customers only upon request.
- The installation of non-recirculating water systems in connection with commercial conveyor car wash and commercial laundry systems is prohibited.

- The installation of single pass cooling systems is prohibited.

The State's ban on the use of potable water for the irrigation of non-functional turf at commercial, industrial and institutional sites, including HOAs, continues to remain in effect. Non-functional turf does not include sports fields and turf that is regularly used for human recreational purposes or for civic or community events, such as parks and school fields. The City will communicate updates to the State's rulemaking as they become available.

The City of Seal Beach will continue to monitor weather conditions and reservoir levels and advise customers if and when conditions warrant any water use restrictions in our service area.

For additional information, please contact Seal Beach Public Works at (562) 431-2527 Ext. 1431.

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