

RESOLUTION 804-22

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE MONTE VISTA WATER DISTRICT,
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
RECOGNIZING THE STATE AND REGIONAL DROUGHT EMERGENCY,
DECLARING A SIGNIFICANT WATER SUPPLY SHORTAGE,
AND ACTIVATING THE WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN
AT STAGE 2 WATER SUPPLY SHORTAGE**

WHEREAS, Monte Vista Water District is responsible for providing reliable water supply for the beneficial use, health, safety, and welfare of its customers; and

WHEREAS, Monte Vista Water District's water supply currently consists of 50 percent groundwater and 50 percent imported from the State Water Project through wholesale water suppliers Metropolitan Water District of Southern California ("Metropolitan") and Inland Empire Utilities Agency as well as the Water Facilities Authority, a joint powers authority; and

WHEREAS, sustained and extreme high temperatures have increased water loss from reservoirs and streams, increased demands by communities and agriculture, and further depleted California's water supplies; and

WHEREAS, long-term weather forecasts for the winter rainy season, dire storage conditions of California's largest reservoirs, low moisture content in native vegetation, and parched soils magnify the likelihood that drought impacts will continue in 2022 and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Metropolitan's State Water Project supplies have been and are being curtailed, with an initial 2022 Table A allocation of zero percent, and current projections indicate that the final allocation will likely only reach 25 percent under a normal-weather scenario; and

WHEREAS, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a drought emergency for Sonoma and Mendocino Counties in April 2021 and further expanded the declaration on four separate occasions with the final proclamation on October 19, 2021 declaring a statewide drought emergency due to worsening drought conditions, and urging Californians to re-double their efforts to voluntarily reduce their water use by 15 percent from their 2020 levels; and

WHEREAS, Monte Vista Water District has consistently and actively promoted water use efficiency and provided educational and financial resources, including water efficiency device rebates, irrigation evaluations, irrigation system retrofits, landscape workshops, and school programs, to its customers to assist them in using water wisely and efficiently; and

WHEREAS, Monte Vista Water District's customers have demonstrated a commitment to conservation and water use efficiency, having not only met the 20 percent urban water use reduction target by 2020, but exceeding it by an additional 20 percent; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Proclamation also called on local and regional water agencies to implement their Water Shortage Contingency Plans at a level appropriate for local conditions taking into account the possibility of a third consecutive dry year to achieve needed conservation; and

WHEREAS, on November 9, 2021, Metropolitan declared a Drought Emergency, calling for increased efforts to maximize conservation to preserve and stretch limited State Water Project supplies; and

WHEREAS, the Inland Empire Utilities Agency activated its Water Shortage Contingency Plan at Level 2 (Water Shortage Warning) on December 8, 2021, and called upon retail agencies to implement appropriate measures to achieve a 15 percent demand reduction from 2020 to preserve stored water and avoid future mandatory emergency measures; and

WHEREAS, Monte Vista Water District's 2020 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan was written and adopted to prudently plan for dry conditions and service area shortages, including stages of action referred to as water shortage supply planning levels; and

WHEREAS, staff have reviewed Monte Vista Water District's water supplies and have determined that significant constraints exist should Metropolitan and Inland Empire Utilities Agency be unable to deliver State Water Project supplies in the near future; and

WHEREAS, Monte Vista Water District recognizes the unprecedented severity of the drought and seeks to support and coordinate with state and local agencies in their response to this emergency; and

WHEREAS, current and near-term statewide and regional water supply shortage conditions meet the criteria for declaring a Significant Water Supply Shortage under Section 2 and Section 6 of Ordinance 33 and in conjunction with the District's Water Shortage Contingency Plan Stage 2 water shortage level.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Directors of Monte Vista Water District, in recognition of the unprecedented severity of the statewide drought, hereby declares its support of Governor Newsom's call for 15 percent reduction in potable urban water use with recognition of past conservation achievements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of Directors of Monte Vista Water District declares a Significant Water Supply Shortage and enacts the following water use requirements consistent with Ordinance 33 and Water Shortage Contingency Plan Stage 2 Water Supply Shortage:

- All lawns, landscape, or turf areas shall be irrigated only on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday of each week; only between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.; and for no more than 15 minutes per day per valve-controlled station. Exempt from this requirement: commercial nurseries, golf courses, and other water-dependent industries; watering by hand, by drip, and by micro-spray irrigation; and irrigation systems equipped with functioning weather-based or soil moisture-based irrigation controllers.
- Water consumption through dedicated landscape irrigation water meters shall not exceed 75 percent of the amount of water used during the same billing period in 2020.
- Irrigation systems shall be adjusted so there is no run-off, over-spray, or excessive irrigation causing irrigation water to flow off of the customer's property.
- Irrigation systems shall be turned off during and for 24 hours after rain events.
- Plumbing and irrigation system leaks shall be repaired within seven days of discovery.

- Washing of motor vehicles, trailers, boats, and other types of mobile equipment shall be done with a hand-held bucket or a hand-held hose equipped with a shutoff nozzle, or at a commercial vehicle wash equipped with a water recycling system.
- Restaurants shall serve water only upon request.
- Hotels shall offer guests the option to not launder linen daily.
- The following technologies shall be equipped with water recycling, recirculation, or reuse systems prior to the establishment of new water service: cooling towers and evaporative cooling systems; decorative water fountains; and conveyer vehicle washes and in-bay automatic vehicle washes.
- Potable water used for construction and dust control shall be limited to that quantity identified in the plan submitted by the user which describes water use requirements. The plan shall be submitted to and approved by the general manager. Upon availability, non-potable recycled water shall be made available for these uses.
- The use of water from fire hydrants shall be limited to fire fighting and related activities; for municipal activities necessary to maintain the public health, safety, and welfare; or for construction and dust control purposes as approved by the general manager.
- The District shall reduce wholesale water deliveries by 15 percent. The general manager shall consult with District wholesale customers to coordinate and implement periods of reduction in water delivery.

District staff shall enforce the above water use requirements consistent with Section 11 of Ordinance 33 under a Significant Water Supply Shortage, as well as any applicable emergency regulations adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board. Exceptions and review procedures as expressed under Section 9 and Section 12 of Ordinance 33 apply to these restrictions.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Significant Water Supply Shortage shall remain in effect until December 15, 2022, unless rescinded or modified by further resolution of the Board of Directors of Monte Vista Water District.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of December 2021.



Sandra S. Rose
President of the Board of Directors
MONTE VISTA WATER DISTRICT

ATTEST:



Justin M. Scott-Coe
Secretary to the Board of Directors
MONTE VISTA WATER DISTRICT