

SWRCB EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

and

OPUD WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN

In response to the ongoing drought conditions in the state, and to implement mandatory potable water use restrictions imposed by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), OPUD adopts the following mitigation measures:

The following table summarizes the **MANDATORY** conservation measures prescribed by the State Water Resources Control Board emergency regulations adopted on March 17, 2015 and were passed into law. Each of the following actions is prohibited, except where necessary to address an immediate health and safety need or to comply with a term or condition in a permit issued by a state or federal agency:

Description of mandatory, enforceable prohibited potable water uses
1) The application of potable water to any driveway or sidewalk.
2) Using potable water to water outdoor landscapes in a manner that causes runoff to adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, parking lots or structures.
3) Using a hose that dispenses potable water to wash a motor vehicle, unless the hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle.
4) The use of potable water in a fountain or other decorative water feature, except where the water is part of a recirculating system.
5) The application of potable water to outdoor landscapes during and within 48-hours after measurable rainfall.
6) The serving of drinking water other than upon request in eating or drinking establishments, including but not limited to restaurants, hotels, cafes, cafeterias, bars, or other public places where food or drink are served and/or purchased.
7) To promote water conservation, operators of hotels and motels shall provide guests with the option of choosing not to have towels and linens laundered daily. The hotel or motel shall prominently display notice of this option in each guestroom using clear and easily understood language.

Enforcement: The above listed prohibited water uses are enforceable. Violations of prohibited activities are considered infractions and are punishable by fines of \$500 for each day in which the violation occurs. Any employee of a public agency charged with enforcing laws may write and issue a ticket to the violator.

The table below summarizes the California Water Code Section 10632 requirements for mandatory conservation required by the OPUD Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

Implementation of the OPUD Water Shortage Contingency Plan has been made mandatory by the State Water Resources Control Board.

Description of mandatory conservation measure
1) Water is to be used for beneficial and useful purposes only. All unnecessary and wasteful uses of water are prohibited.
2) Washing down of sidewalks, driveways, parking lots or other paved surfaces is prohibited except to alleviate immediate fire or sanitation hazards.
3) Free-flowing hoses are prohibited for all uses, including vehicle and equipment washing, ponds, and evaporative coolers. Automatic shut-off devices shall be installed on any hose or other large-volume filling apparatus in use. ♦
4) Leaking consumer pipes or faulty sprinklers shall be repaired within five (5) days or less if warranted by the severity of the problem. ♦
5) All pools, spas, and ornamental fountains/ponds shall be equipped with recirculation pumps and shall be constructed to be leak-proof. Pool draining and refilling shall be allowed only for health, maintenance or structural considerations.
6) Landscape irrigation shall be limited to a maximum of three days per week when necessary based on the following odd-even schedule. ♦
7) Customers with street addresses that end with odd numbers may irrigate only on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Customers with street addresses that end with even numbers may irrigate only on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays. No irrigation is permitted on Mondays.♦
8) Automatic sprinkler system timers shall be set to operate only during off-peak hours between 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. ♦
9) Washing of streets, parking lots, driveways, sidewalks, or buildings is prohibited except as necessary for health, sanitary, or fire protection purposes. ♦
10) Restaurants shall serve water only upon request.

♦If OPUD becomes aware that water consumers are out of compliance with the provision of the OPUD Water Shortage Contingency Plan, OPUD will:

- **Send a written notice requesting that the consumer’s practice be modified.**