

10.1 DROUGHT RESPONSE CONSERVATION PROGRAM

10.1-1 DECLARATION OF NECESSITY AND INTENT

(a) This policy establishes water management requirements necessary to conserve water, enable effective water supply planning, assure reasonable and beneficial use of water, prevent waste of water, prevent unreasonable use of water, prevent unreasonable method of use of water within the Lakeside Water District in order to assure adequate supplies of water to meet the needs of the public, and further the public health, safety, and welfare, recognizing that water is a scarce natural resource that requires careful management not only in times of drought, but at all times.

(b) This policy establishes regulations to be implemented during times of declared water shortages, or declared water shortage emergencies. It establishes four levels of drought response actions to be implemented in times of shortage, with increasing restrictions on water use in response to worsening drought conditions and decreasing available supplies.

(c) As per California State law and Executive Order B-40-17, and the States goal to “Make Water Conservation a California Way of Life”, certain provisions of conservation are in effect at all times. Recognizing the severe effects of the 2012 to 2017 prolonged drought, the following prohibitions remain in effect during non-drought periods.

1. No outdoor watering during a rain event or within 48 hours after measurable rainfall.
2. No watering down a sidewalk with a hose instead of using a broom or a brush except to alleviate safety or sanitary conditions.
3. No washing of automobiles with hoses not equipped with a shut-off nozzle.
4. No overwatering a landscape in a manner that causes runoff such that water flows onto adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, parking lots, or structures.
5. Home owners associations (HOAs) and local governments may not penalize homeowners for certain outdoor conservation practices during a declared drought.
6. No use of a non-recirculated potable water in fountain or other decorative water feature.
7. No 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
8. No irrigation with potable water of ornamental turf on public street medians
9. No irrigation with portable water of landscapes outside of newly constructed homes and buildings in a manner inconsistent with regulations or other requirements established by the California Building Standards Commission and The Department of Housing and Community Development.