

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) Level 1 condition drought response measures are voluntary and will be reinforced through local and regional public education and awareness measures that may be funded in part by Lakeside Water District. During drought response condition Levels 2 through 4, all conservation measures and water-use restrictions are mandatory and become increasingly restrictive in order to attain escalating conservation goals.

(d) During a Drought Response Level 2 condition or higher, the water conservation measures and water use restrictions established by this policy are mandatory and violations are subject to criminal, civil, and administrative penalties and remedies specified in this policy and as provided in Lakeside Water District Administrative or Municipal Code.

10.1-2 DEFINITIONS

(a) The following words and phrases whenever used in this chapter shall have the meaning defined in this section:

1. “Grower” refers to those engaged in the growing or raising, in conformity with recognized practices of husbandry, for the purpose of commerce, trade, or industry, or for use by public educational or correctional institutions, of agricultural, horticultural or floricultural products, and produced: (1) for human consumption or for the market, or (2) for the feeding of fowl or livestock produced for human consumption or for the market, or (3) for the feeding of fowl or livestock for the purpose of obtaining their products for human consumption or for the market. “Grower” does not refer to customers who purchase water subject to the Metropolitan Interim Agricultural Water Program or the Water Authority Special Agricultural Rate programs.
2. “Water Authority” means the San Diego County Water Authority.

3. “DMP” means the Water Authority’s Drought Management Plan in existence on the effective date of this policy and as readopted or amended from time to time, or an equivalent plan of the Water Authority to manage or allocate supplies during shortages.
4. “Metropolitan” means the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.
5. “Person” means any natural person, corporation, public or private entity, public or private association, public or private agency, government agency or institution, school district, college, university, or any other user of water provided by the Lakeside Water District.

10.1-3 APPLICATION

(a) The provisions of this policy apply to any person in the use of any water provided by the Lakeside Water District.

(b) This policy is intended solely to further the conservation of water. It is not intended to implement any provision of federal, State, or local statutes, policy, or regulations relating to protection of water quality or control of drainage or runoff. Refer to the local jurisdiction or Regional Water Quality Control Board for information on any storm water policy and storm water management plans.

(c) Nothing in this policy is intended to affect or limit the ability of the Lakeside Water District to declare and respond to an emergency, including an emergency that affects the ability of the Lakeside Water District to supply water.

(d) The provisions of this policy do not apply to use of water from private wells or to recycled water.

(e) Nothing in this policy shall apply to use of water that is subject to a special supply program, such as the Metropolitan Interim Agricultural Water Program or the Water Authority Special Agricultural Rate programs. Violations of the conditions of special supply programs are subject to the penalties established under the applicable program. A person using water subject to a special supply program and other water provided by the Lakeside Water District is subject to this policy in the use of the other water.

10.1-4 DROUGHT RESPONSE LEVEL 1 – DROUGHT WATCH CONDITION

(a) A Drought Response Level 1 condition is also referred to as a “Drought Watch” condition. A Level 1 condition applies when the Water Authority notifies its member agencies that due to drought or other supply reductions, there is a reasonable probability there will be supply shortages and that a consumer demand reduction of up to 10 percent is requested in order to ensure that sufficient supplies will be available to meet anticipated demands. The General

Manager or designee shall declare the existence of a Drought Response Level 1 and take action to implement the Level 1 conservation practices identified in this policy.

(b) During a Level 1 Drought Watch condition, Lakeside Water District will increase its public education and outreach efforts to emphasize increased public awareness of the need to implement the following water conservation practices. [The same water conservation practices become mandatory if Lakeside Water District declares a Level 2 Drought Alert condition]:

1. Stop washing down paved surfaces, including but not limited to sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or patios, except when it is necessary to alleviate safety or sanitation hazards.
2. Stop water waste resulting from inefficient landscape irrigation, such as runoff, low head drainage, or overspray, etc. Similarly, stop water flows onto non-targeted areas, such as adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, hardscapes, roadways, or structures.
3. Do not irrigate between 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m.
4. Three (3) day a week watering is recommended if landscape is mature and healthy.
5. Use a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shut-off nozzle or bucket to water landscaped areas, including trees and shrubs located on residential and commercial properties that are not irrigated by a landscape irrigation system.
6. Irrigate nursery and commercial grower's products before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m. only. Watering is permitted at any time with a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shut-off nozzle, a bucket, or when a drip/micro-irrigation system/equipment is used. Irrigation of nursery propagation beds is permitted at any time. Watering of livestock is permitted at any time.
7. No outdoor watering of turf or ornamental landscapes during and up to 48 hours following measurable precipitation.
8. Use re-circulated water to operate ornamental fountains.
9. Wash vehicles using a bucket and a hand-held hose with positive shut-off nozzle, mobile high pressure/low volume wash system, or at a commercial site that re-circulates (reclaims) water on-site. Avoid washing during hot conditions when additional water is required due to evaporation.
10. Serve and refill water in restaurants and other food service establishments only upon request.
11. Offer guests in hotels, motels, and other commercial lodging establishments the option of not laundering towels and linens daily.

12. Repair all water leaks within three (3) days of notification by the Lakeside Water District unless other arrangements are made with the General Manager or designee.

13. Use recycled or non-potable water for construction purposes when available.

(c) During a Drought Response Level 2 condition or higher, all persons shall be required to implement the conservation practices established in a Drought Response Level 1 condition.