

**WESTERN HILLS WATER DISTRICT**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-01**

**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING WATER SHORTAGE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF  
WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES**

WHEREAS, the Department of Water Resources, the operator of the State Water Project from which WHWD ultimately derives its water supplies, has declared that currently there will be a zero percent ("0%") Table "A" Water Allotment for 2014; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Water Code §375, *et seq.*, the District is enabled to implement conservation measures and enforcement proceedings; and

WHEREAS, the Western Hills Water District Board of Directors, as set forth in detail below, find that there is a pending water shortage, and it is in the best interests of the District and its customers to implement the measures as set forth herein.

The Board of Directors of the Western Hills Water District does hereby ordain as follows:

1. Based upon present conditions, California is in a state of drought.
2. Given the current SWP zero percent ("0%") Table "A" Allotment, there is a significant likelihood that water demands in the District cannot be met.
3. It is hereby determined that present conditions compromise the District's ability to supply raw water and/or treated water to its customers.
4. Based on current information, it is imperative that the District seek to reduce water usage by at least 25%.
5. Due to these conditions, the following Water Conservation Measures are hereby implemented:
  - A. Two (2") inch meters will be monitored and water usage tracked to ensure a 35% reduction in use.
  - B. Water shall be confined to each customer's property and shall not be allowed to run-off to adjoining properties or to the roadside ditch or gutter. Care shall be taken not to water past the point of saturation.
  - C. Free-flowing hoses for any uses are prohibited. Automatic shut-off devices shall be attached on any hose or filling apparatus in use.
  - D. Leaking customer pipes or faulty sprinklers shall be repaired or replaced by the customer within two (2) working days or less if warranted by the severity of the problem.

E. All pools, spas, and ornamental fountains/ponds shall be equipped with a recirculation pump and shall be constructed to be leak-proof. Pool draining and refilling by WHWD supplied water shall be allowed only for health, maintenance, or structural considerations, and shall require approval from the District in advance.

F. Irrigation of public and private landscaping is only permitted on Tuesdays and Saturdays for odd-numbered property addresses and on Wednesdays and Sundays for even-numbered property addresses.

G. Installation of new turf or landscaping is prohibited.

H. Use of potable water to wash motorized vehicles is prohibited.

I. No potable water may be used for cleaning or rinsing equipment, trailers, or boats.

J. Washing streets, parking lots, driveways, sidewalks, or buildings, except as necessary for health or sanitary purposes, is prohibited.

K. Restaurants shall serve water only upon request.

L. Water for flow testing and construction purposes from District fire hydrants and blow-offs is prohibited.

M. Flushing of sewers or fire hydrants is prohibited except in case of emergency and for essential operations.

N. The "wasteful and unnecessary" use of water is prohibited, including but not limited to:

i. Allowing flow from an unattended hose, except cooling/heating/similar device discharges;

ii. Hand watering a lawn if it is also watered by other means, except for spot treatment;

iii. Hosing-down a driveway or other impervious surface instead of a broom to remove debris.

6. Strict enforcement of the Water Conservation Measures set forth herein shall occur in accordance with the Western Hills Water District's Water Conservation Measures Ordinance No. 2014-2, adopted herewith.

7. The officers, employees and agents of the District are hereby authorized and directed, jointly and severally, to execute and deliver any and all documents and agreements and to do any and all things which they may deem necessary or advisable in order to carry out and comply with the terms of this Ordinance.

8. This Ordinance shall be published by one insertion in the *Patterson Irrigator*, a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the City of Patterson, within ten (10) days after its passage, and shall take effect immediately, in accordance with Water Code §376.

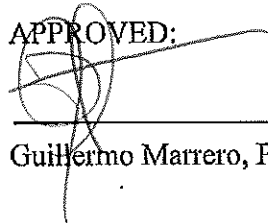
The foregoing Ordinance was introduced and adopted at a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Western Hills Water District held on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 2014, by Director Orris who moved its introduction, which motion was seconded by Director Marrero, and said Ordinance was thereupon adopted by the following vote:

AYES: D Orris, G Marrero, C Kearney, D Kearney, R Beltran

NOES: None

EXCUSED: None

APPROVED:

  
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Guillermo Marrero, President

ATTEST:

  
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Ruby Beltran, Secretary