

CITY OF NEVADA CITY  
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-25

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEVADA CITY DECLARING A  
STAGE 3 (WATER SHORTAGE WARNING) DROUGHT AND IMPLEMENTING  
ACTIONS SET FORTH IN THE DROUGHT ACTION PLAN: A WATER SHORTAGE  
CONTINGENCY STRATEGY FOR THE CITY OF NEVADA CITY

WHEREAS, despite record-breaking storms in October and December 2021, most of California is experiencing a severe drought due to the driest January and February on record. These conditions are worsening quickly and can threaten water supplies, impair critical habitat, reduce recreational opportunities, and create uncertainty for all water users.; and

WHEREAS, during 2021 California Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a drought state of emergency for all counties in California, culminating, to date, with his October 19, 2021 proclamation, urging Californians to step up their water conservation efforts; and

WHEREAS, on January 4, 2022, the State Water Board adopted an emergency regulation by Resolution No. 2022-002 which prohibits the use of potable water for certain uses; and

WHEREAS, on February 9th, 2022, the Nevada Irrigation District (NID) Board of Directors passed a resolution to implement Stage 1 of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP). This resolution asks that customers voluntary reduce water use by 10% as compared to the same time period in 2020; and

WHEREAS, staff review of current conditions and the State and NID regulations is that they are indicators necessitating the implementation of components of the March 2015 Drought Action Plan: A Water Shortage Contingency for the City of Nevada City (attached hereto and made a part hereof); and

WHEREAS, conservation measures are necessary to ensure sufficient water supply for both fire suppression and potable residential and business use; and

WHEREAS, the current conditions trigger Stage 3 of the plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Nevada City as follows:

1. The City of Nevada City hereby declares a Stage 3 drought (Water Shortage Warning), with mandatory water conservation measures as described herein and the City of Nevada City's adopted Drought Plan.
2. The persons, businesses and agencies served water by the City of Nevada City, shall join with all Californians to conserve potable water, and shall abide by the following standards, 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:

### General Provisions

A. All customers will be required to reduce potable water use by 15-25 percent as compared to the amount used from those sources for the same months in 2021.

B. All customers shall make conscious efforts to conserve water. Water is to be used for beneficial purposes only; all unnecessary and wasteful uses of water are prohibited.

### Outdoor Irrigation

C. All customers shall limit outdoor irrigation of ornamental landscapes as follows:

- i. Residential, garden and landscape watering shall be limited to two days per week;
- ii. Limit watering to the evening and early morning hours only (9:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m.) to prevent water loss from evaporation;
- iii. Sprinklers shall be avoided in favor of drip and micro-spray irrigation systems and hand watering;
- iv. Do not water past the point of saturation;

D. Customers shall inspect systems and make a reasonable effort to repair water leaks in toilets, plumbing fixtures and water lines within 24 hours; adjust spray heads to provide optimum coverage and eliminate avoidable over-spray; change run-time for valves consistent with weather fluctuations; reduce minutes of run-time for each irrigation valve if water run-off is occurring;

E. Outdoor irrigation of ornamental landscapes shall remain on the intended vegetation and not cause runoff to adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, roadways, parking lots, or structures;

F. Water is to be confined to the customers property and not allowed to run off to adjoining properties, sidewalks, ditches, gutters or storm drains;

G. Customers shall not use potable water on outdoor landscapes within 48 hours of measurable rainfall (i.e., precipitation having a water content of at least 0.01 inch (0.25 mm));

H. Irrigation of outdoor landscapes of newly constructed homes and buildings shall occur in a manner consistent with regulations established by the California Building Standards Commission and the Department of Housing and Community Development;

I. Municipal users shall not use potable water to irrigate ornamental turf on public street medians;

### Other Outdoor Uses:

J. Customers shall wash cars, boats, trailers, or other vehicles only with a hose equipped with an automatic shut-off nozzle and bucket;

K. Customers shall use re-circulating water only in ornamental fountains, ponds, or lakes, and shall post signage nearby that states that re-circulated water is being used;

L. Customers shall not use potable water to wash or otherwise clean or clear sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, or other hard surfaced areas;

Commercial Uses

M. All commercial customers shall prominently display “save water” signage. The City will provide commercial users with uniform signage for this purpose. The City is temporarily waiving the Drought Action Plan mandatory measure for every commercial user to prepare a conservation plan until the City has developed sufficient water-use profiles for individual users;

N. Eating and drinking establishments shall serve drinking water only upon customer request and shall provide on each table a notice of water shortage, provided by the City as noted in subsection (M) above;

O. Operators of hotels and motels shall launder towels and linens of multiple-day guests only upon the specific request of guests, and shall provide prominent notice in each guestroom that guests have the option to not launder towels and linens on a daily basis in order to promote water conservation;

P. Hotel and motel operators shall post a notice of water shortage and tips for water conservation in each room.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Nevada City Council on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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Duane Strawser  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Niel Locke  
City Clerk