

Ordinance Type	<b>District Operations</b>	Date Adopted	<b>June 28, 2006</b>
Ordinance Number & Title	<b>23000 - District Water Conservation Program</b>	Date Amended	<b>June 25, 2008</b>

### **23000.01 Establishment of the Conservation Program**

There is hereby established the District Water Conservation Program which shall be administered as provided in this Section. This program is adopted pursuant to the laws of the State of California.

### **23000.02 Non-Applicability of this Program to Certain Activities**

**23000.02.1** No provisions of the District Water Conservation Program shall apply to fire hydrants, fire mains, sprinkler lines or other equipment used solely for fire protection purposes.

**23000.02.2** No provisions of the District Water Conservation Program shall apply to any hospital, health care or convalescent facility or any other type of facility where the health and welfare would be affected by restrictions on water used, nor shall it apply to veterinary hospitals. Such facilities are, however, encouraged to conserve water to the extent possible. However, this ordinance does apply to the outdoor grounds, yard and parking areas of these facilities.

### **23000.03 District Determination and Declaration of Water Supply Shortage Conditions**

During any period of threatened or actual water shortage, the District has the right to apportion its available water supply among Customers in a manner that appears most equitable with due regard to public health and safety.

**23000.03.1** The General Manager of the District, with Board concurrence, based upon all available data, shall determine and declare whether the District's water supply and/or distribution is in one of the five following conditions, and if in a stage higher than Stage I-Normal Water Supply, the District shall notify customers as appropriate. The Water Conservation Stages are further defined in Appendix C.

Stage I – Normal Water Supply: The District's supply or distribution system is able to meet all the normal water demands of its Customers in the immediate future.

Stage II – Water Alert: There is a probability that the District's supply or distribution system will not be able to meet all of the normal water demands of its Customers.

Stage III – Water Warning: The District’s supply or distribution system is not able to meet all of the normal water demands of its Customers.

Stage IV – Water Crisis:

Short-Term (45 days or less): The District’s supply or distribution system is not able to meet all the water demands of its Customers under Stage III – Water Warning requirements because of a temporary emergency or other short-term supply constraints.

Long-Term (more than 45 days): The District’s supply or distribution system is not able to meet all the water demands of its Customers under Stage III – Water Warning requirements because of drought or other constraints on water supplies that are long-term, rather than temporary, in nature.

Stage V – Water Emergency:

Short-Term (45 days or less): The District is experiencing a major failure of a supply, storage or distribution facility because of a temporary emergency or other short-term supply constraints.

Long-Term (more than 45 days): The District is experiencing a major failure of a supply, storage or distribution facility because of drought or other constraints on water supplies that are long-term, rather than temporary, in nature.

**23000.03.2** As soon as the District declares a particular condition to exist, the water conservation measures provided for in Appendix C for that condition shall apply to the area designated for District water service until a different condition is declared.

#### **23000.04 Penalties for Water Waste under Any Conservation Stage**

Water conservation enforcement measures for persistent water wasters shall provide the following sequence of notification, discontinuance of service and progressive reconnect fees:

- A. Notify Customer of water waste condition in writing offering District “irrigation auditor” and/or Master Gardener service, use of resource library, etc., to help correct the situation, and follow up with one-on-one contact over a two-week period.
- B. After the two-week period, if the correction is not made a second letter will be sent giving a specific date for correction and notice that the District will, after that date, terminate service until a reconnect fee is paid and the correction made.

The reconnect fee shall be progressive by violation (failure to correct or eliminate water waste condition). See the District’s Schedule of Rates, Charges, Fees, and Deposits for the progressive reconnect fee amounts.

**Revision History:**

Revision Date	Description of Changes	Requested By
6/25/08	Ord. 08-001 repealed all prior ordinances	