

**RESOLUTION No. 2021-42**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRASS VALLEY  
APPROVING MANDATORY WATER CONSERVATION**

**WHEREAS**, much of the West is experiencing severe to exceptional drought and California is in a second consecutive year of dry conditions, resulting in drought or near-drought throughout many portions of the State; and

**WHEREAS**, these drought conditions can result in degraded water quality, setbacks to vulnerable and rural communities through job losses and slower recovery from economic downturns, significant impacts to fisheries, loss of aquatic and terrestrial biodiversity, and ecosystem impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, experience in the last drought has demonstrated the value of preparing earlier for potential sustained dry conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 22, 2021, the City Council declared a state of emergency due to drought conditions under the California Emergency Services Act (Gov. Code, §§ 8550 et seq.) and Grass Valley Municipal Code Chapter 8.12.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Grass Valley as follows:

1. That the foregoing statements are true and correct and are incorporated here by this reference.
2. That, to promote water conservation, each of the following actions is prohibited by those served by the City's water utility, 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:
  - (a) The application of potable water to outdoor landscapes in a manner that causes runoff onto adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, parking lots, or structures;
  - (b) The use of potable water to wash a motor vehicle, except using a hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle or other device that causes it to cease dispensing water immediately when not in use;
  - (c) The application of potable water to driveways and sidewalks; and
  - (d) The use of potable water in a fountain or other decorative water feature not served by a recirculating system.
3. That, to mandate water conservation, each of the following actions are required to those served by the City's water utility, 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:
  - (a) Repair of City's Water System leaks shall be a high priority.
  - (b) Restaurant owners are requested not to serve customers water except on request.
  - (c) Irrigation shall be prohibited from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
  - (d) All treated Water Customers are required to reduce water use by 20%.
  - (e) Customers are required to adjust irrigation controllers for each zone to reduce use by 20%.

- (f) Require that managers of all school grounds served by metered treated water, and all other public grounds, to reduce water use by 20%.
4. This Resolution reflects a regulation adopted by the City Council pursuant to Grass Valley Municipal Code Chapter 8.12. Therefore, any action prohibited in this Resolution, in addition to any other applicable civil or criminal penalties, is punishable under Grass Valley Municipal Code section 8.12.100.
  5. The Public Works Director/City Engineer or his appointed designee is hereby authorized and empowered to enforce the provisions of this Resolution in addition to applicable sections of the City's Municipal Code and other law to promote water conservation by those served by the City's water utility.
  6. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately and remain in effect through December 31, 2021 unless extended by further action of this Council.


**ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Grass Valley at a regular meeting thereof held on the 22nd day of June 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: Council member Branstrom, Hodge, Arbuckle, & Mayor Aguilar

NOES: NONE

ABSTAINS: NONE

ABSENT: Council member Ivy

By:   
Ben Aguilar, Mayor

Attest  
By:   
Taylor Day, Deputy City Clerk

Approved as to Form

By:   
Michael G. Colantuono, City Attorney