

Town of Yountville

Resolution Number 23-4201

RESCINDING THE TOWN'S PHASED WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

Recitals

- A. In response to the drought the Town adopted evolving versions of a Phase II Water Shortage Emergency as follows:
- Resolution 21-4054 approving the implementation of Modified Phase 2 Water Shortage Emergency Regulations in response to the drought and the initial notice from CalVET of only 400 Acre-Feet from Rector Reservoir.
 - Resolution 22-4118 renewing the application of Modified Phase 2 Water Shortage Emergency Regulations in response to the ongoing drought and the second notice from CalVET of only 400 Acre-Feet from Rector Reservoir.
 - Resolution 22-4139 further modifying and renewing the application of Phase II Water Shortage Emergency Regulations.
- B. In response to the historic 2023 winter the State has issued the following:
- In March 2023, the governor issued Executive Order N-5-23 rolling back the State's drought restrictions including the prior order requiring urban water suppliers to activate Phase II of their water shortage emergency ordinances.
 - Also, in March 2023 the Town received the annual CalVET Water Allocation Memo which removed the allocation limit 400 acre-feet and returned to the agreement amount of 500+ acre-feet.
- C. At this time, the Town may rescind the prior adopted Phase II Water Shortage Emergency however the following water conservation regulations will remain in place:
- Executive Order N-5-23
 - Maintains the ban on wasteful water use, such as watering ornamental grass on commercial properties.
 - Preserves all current emergency orders focused on groundwater supply, where the effects of the multi-year drought continue to be devastating.
 - Town Municipal Code Prohibitions and Limitations:
 - a) No customer or person shall waste water. For the purposes of this chapter, "waste" means:
 1. Use of water for decorative fountains where the water is not recirculated;
 2. Washing cars, boats, trailers, aircraft, or other vehicles by hose without a shutoff nozzle except commercial or fleet vehicle washing facilities operated at fixed locations;
 3. Watering lawns or gardens in a manner which result in runoff in gutter or other waterway, or excessive overspray of patio, driveway, walk, or street;
 4. Withdrawing water from fire hydrants, except for firefighting, firefighting training, and water system maintenance purposes;

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5. Use of water for cleaning streets during or following construction activities; flushing storm drains; and flow testing for fire sprinkler design except as approved by the Town Engineer;
 6. Use of water for grading, dust control, street, pipeline, or similar construction. Only reclaimed water may be used for the foregoing activities except as allowed by the Town Engineer.
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- b) In emergency situations only, water for hauling may be supplied at a Town designated location upon prior approval from the Town Engineer. Tanker trucks hauling for domestic use must be certified to carry potable water. Hauled water may be supplied to existing customers only.
 - c) All projects for which the Planning Department requires approved landscape plans must adhere to the Town's Water Efficient Landscape Standards in order to obtain plan approval.
 - d) Draining and refilling of swimming pools shall be permitted only as needed for the purpose of pool repair or to correct a severe chemical imbalance. Draining and refilling of decorative ponds and lakes shall be permitted only as needed for the purpose of lining the bottom to prevent absorption.
 - e) Residential customers shall use no more than 164,250 gallons of water per year.
 - f) Commercial or industrial customers shall use no more water per year than the amount set by resolution of the Town Council, which shall be published and/or posted in the same manner as ordinances, distributed in a manner designed to give notice to commercial and industrial customers, and available upon request.
 - g) Within 48 hours of notification by the Town, all leaks, breaks, or other malfunctions in a customer's or person's plumbing or distribution system shall be repaired, or an agreement shall be entered into with the Town to do so.
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- D. Public Works staff will continue water conservation outreach efforts, monitoring of water use and abuse and will respond accordingly to those water customers who cannot or will not abide by the current water regulations.

Now therefore, the Town Council of the Town of Yountville does resolve as follows:

1. Rescind prior Phased Water Shortage Emergency Resolution Numbers 21-4054, 22-4118 and 22-4139.
2. Water Conservation is now a way of life and is encouraged of all of the Town's water customers.
3. The Resolution is hereby adopted and becomes effective and in full force immediately upon adoption.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Yountville, State of California, held on this 18th day of April 2023 by the following vote:

AYES: Knight, Reeves, McKee-Cant, Trippe, Mohler

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

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Margie Mohler

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Margie Mohler, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Eddy Gomez

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Eddy Gomez; Town Clerk