



Santa Clara Valley Water District

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SUPPLEMENTAL BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

Monthly Drought Emergency Response and Water Supply Update.

REASON FOR SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM:

This report conveys additional information received after the initial report was released, consistent with Executive Limitations Policy EL-7-10-5.

RECOMMENDATION:

A. Receive an update on water supply conditions in Santa Clara County and staff's drought response efforts; and

B. Adopt the RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 21-68 RESCINDING RESOLUTION 17-43, DECLARING A WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCY CONDITION CALLING FOR WATER USE RESTRICTIONS, AND URGING THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA TO PROCLAIM A LOCAL EMERGENCY which includes restricting outdoor watering of lawns and ornamental landscape with potable water to no more than two days

SUMMARY:

In 2022, Santa Clara County and California are in their third year of drought, and experienced the driest January, February and March on record. In 2021 and 2022, Valley Water's Federal and State imported water allocations were drastically reduced to historic lows. On March 28, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-7-22 to call on local water suppliers to move to Stage 2 of their water shortage contingency plans, at a minimum. Staff will provide additional updates regarding latest drought conditions.

On March 21, 2022, the Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee, by roll call and unanimous vote approved staff's recommendation for Board consideration to adopt a new resolution restricting watering to two-days maximum limit that includes ornamental landscaping and lawns. The proposed resolution amends and adds a number of restrictions to those previously adopted under Resolution No. 21-68, including reducing the maximum number of days per week the public may irrigate ornamental landscapes or lawns; prohibiting runoff and irrigation following rainfall; and calling

for consistent watering schedules for retailers and jurisdictions who do not have them.

Staff also requests amending the resolution to state that Valley Water continues to pursue Stage 3 actions of its Water Shortage Contingency Plan, which have been conducted since Valley Water's Resolution No. 21-68 was adopted on June 9, 2021. These actions include close coordination with the County, cities, retailers, and other water users to implement ordinances and water use restrictions; aggressive and consistent communication efforts to request significant behavioral change of water users; and augmentation of local water supplies. These actions have been conducted since Valley Water's June 9, 2021 Resolution No. 21-68 was passed, and staff will describe ways they are expanding these efforts.

Staff will also discuss planning efforts with retailers, cities and other stakeholders to determine feasibility for possible additional drought response actions, including further consistency in irrigation schedules, enforcement actions, prohibitions related to new or existing lawns, and additional short-term and/or permanent water use restrictions. Collaboration with our retailers is essential in ensuring the success of our drought response actions.

Due to the time sensitivity, the attachments were not ready at the time of the 10-day posting. The following attachments were added: PowerPoint, Drought Response Report, April 2022 Water Tracker, and Amended Resolution 22-XX.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IMPACT:

No Change from original memo.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

No Change from original memo.

CEQA:

No Change from original memo.

ATTACHMENTS:

- *Supplemental Attachment 1: PowerPoint
- *Supplemental Attachment 2: Drought Response Report
- *Supplemental Attachment 3: April 2022 Water Tracker
- *Supplemental Attachment 4: Resolution

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