

RESOLUTION NO. 26-2021
July 15, 2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
DECLARING A STAGE 4 WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Cambria Community Services District (“CCSD”) has declared a Water Code Section 350 Water Shortage Emergency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Water Code Section 353, the Board of Directors may adopt such regulations and restrictions on the delivery of water which will conserve the water supply for the greatest public benefit; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Water Code Section 353, Water Code Section 375 provides that a public entity which supplies water may, after holding a public hearing, adopt and enforce water conservation programs to reduce the quantity of water used by the persons within the entity’s service area or jurisdiction for the purpose of conserving the entity’s water supplies; and

WHEREAS, after holding a duly noticed public hearing on June 17, 2021 the Board of Directors adopted Resolution 24-2021 adopting the Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP); and

WHEREAS, CCSD staff have analyzed the status and condition of existing supplies and compared them to the water shortage criteria contained within the WSCP to recommend that the Board take action to declare a water shortage and direct staff to implement the appropriate shortage response actions contained within the WSCP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Cambria Community Services District as follows:

1. Based upon the existing water supply conditions as described in the staff report for agenda item 6 A presented to the Board of Directors at today’s meeting and in light of the drought currently impacting much of the West Coast and classified locally as “Extreme” by the U.S. Drought Monitor, the Board of Directors

hereby finds that the demands and requirements of water consumers cannot be satisfied without depleting the water supply of the CCSD to the extent that there would be insufficient water for human consumption, sanitation and fire protection and that, based on the condition, the Board of Directors hereby declares a Stage 4 Water Shortage Emergency.
2. Resolution 18-2017 is hereby repealed and replaced by this Resolution. The Water Shortage Response Actions set forth in Exhibit “A” which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, shall be effective immediately and apply within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Cambria Community Services District until rescinded or modified by the Board of Directors. All other CCSD water conservation rules, regulations, restrictions, definitions, enforcement procedures, violation provisions and appeal procedures which are in force shall remain in force, except where they may conflict with the Water Shortage Response Actions set forth in this Resolution.
3. The General Manager is hereby authorized and directed to implement the Water Shortage Response Actions set forth in Exhibit “A” including establishing administrative procedures to carry out the requirements in an effective and equitable manner. Monthly meter readings shall be suspended and commercial water use allocations shall be based on 2019 meter usage.

4. CCSD staff is hereby directed to continue to monitor and evaluate current water and drought conditions on an ongoing basis and report back to the Board of Directors on a monthly basis.
5. The Board Secretary shall publish this Resolution in full within 10 days of its adoption in accordance with the provisions of Water Code Section 376(a). After such publication, and in accordance with the provisions of Water Code Section 377, violation of the Water Shortage Response Actions set forth in Exhibit "A" is a misdemeanor and punishable as set forth in Water Code Section 377.
6. Within fourteen (14) days from the date of this Resolution, the General Manager is hereby directed to provide notice to all water customers of the Stage 4 Water Shortage condition and the Water Shortage Response Actions as set forth herein as well as consequences for a violation thereof. The General Manager is further directed to pursue a vigorous public information program about water supply conditions and the need to reduce water consumption, through local newspapers and other media, mailings to customers, by handouts and by such other means deemed appropriate by the General Manager.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th day of July, 2021, by the following vote:

Ayes: Steidel, Howell, Farmer, Dean, Gray

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

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Cindy Steidel, President
Board of Directors

ATTEST:

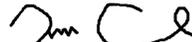
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Board Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Timothy J. Carmel
District Counsel

8.4 Shortage Response Actions

CCSD Municipal Code Chapter 4.08 entitled “Waste of Water,” prohibits water waste at all times, regardless of whether there may a particular water conservation stage in place. This approach was originally adopted by the CCSD Board during 2000 as Ordinance 4-2000, which has since been codified within the CCSD Municipal Code.

As mentioned above, there are long-term and short-term water supply shortages with significant overlap in regard to stages, mandatory prohibitions, and consumption reduction methods as described in the following sections. **Table 8-2** summarizes the possible actions identified by CCSD staff to implement during a water shortage as well as the criteria that would trigger each water shortage stage. This table of actions is designed as a menu of options; CCSD is not required to implement each action for each stage. Actions identified in earlier stages may also be used in later stages (e.g., actions identified in Stages 1-3 may be implemented in Stage 4 as well as other Stage 4 actions, etc.).

Table 8-2. Shortage Response Actions

STAGE	CRITERIA	SUGGESTED ACTIONS
1 – UP TO 10% WATER USE REDUCTION	Baseline - Water Use Efficiency is a Way of Life	<p>THE FOLLOWING ARE PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES UNDER CHAPTER 4.08 OF THE CCSD MUNICIPAL CODE:</p> <p>The watering of grass, lawns, ground-cover, shrubbery, open ground, crops, and trees herein after collectively called "landscape or other irrigation," in a manner or to an extent which allows excess water to run-off the area being watered. Every water user is deemed to have under his or her control at all times his or her water distribution lines and facilities and to know the manner and extent of his or her water use and excess run-off;</p> <p>The watering of grass, lawns, ground-cover, shrubbery, open ground, crops or trees or other irrigation within any portion of the district in violation of the following schedule and procedures: a. Watering shall be accomplished with a person in attendance; b. Watering shall not take place between the hours of ten a.m. and six p.m.; and c. Watering shall be limited to the amount of water necessary to maintain landscaping.</p> <p>The washing of sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, windows, buildings, and all other hard-surfaced areas by direct hosing unless utilizing high-pressure, low-volume systems;</p> <p>The escape of water through breaks or leaks within the water user's plumbing or distribution system for any substantial period of time within which such break or leak should reasonably have been discovered and corrected. Water must be shut off within two hours after the water user discovers such leak or break or receives notice from the district of such leak or break, whichever occurs first. Such leak or break shall be corrected within an additional six hours;</p> <p>The serving of water to customers by any eating establishment except when specifically requested;</p> <p>Except as approved in advance in writing by the general manager of the district, the use of water by governmental entities or agencies for: (1) routine water system flushing for normal maintenance, (2) routine sewer system flushing for normal maintenance, and (3) fire personnel training;</p> <p>Washing vehicles by use of an unrestrained hose. Use of a bucket for washing a vehicle and rinsing with a hose with a shutoff at the point of release is permitted subject to non-wasteful applications. Vehicle is defined as any mechanized form of transportation including, but not limited to, passenger cars, trucks, recreational vehicles (RVs), campers, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), motorcycles, boats, jet skis, and off-road vehicles;</p>
	Dry season starts in June or later	
	Rainfall at 86-100% of normal	
	Average SS well levels at or above 100% of normal (≥20.1 ft)	
	WBE/WBW well levels at or above 100% of normal (WBE is ≥5.6 ft and WBW is ≥5.6 ft)	
	9P2/SS4 gradient at or above 100% of normal (≥3.0 ft)	

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		<p>Use of potable water from the district's water supply system for compacting or dust control purposes;</p> <p>Using unmetered water from any fire hydrant, except as required for fire suppression;</p> <p>It is unlawful for any consumer to remove, replace, alter, or damage any water meter or components thereof.</p> <hr/> <p>Landscape irrigation using non-potable water sources is encouraged; no restrictions. Irrigation of parks, school ground areas, and road median landscaping will not be permitted more than twice a week.</p> <p>Irrigation of ornamental turf on public medians with potable water is prohibited.</p> <p>No application of potable water to outdoor landscapes (turf and ornamental landscapes) within 48 hours before, during, or after a rainfall event with measurable rainfall. Measurable rainfall for the region is defined as greater than or equal to 0.5 inches.</p> <p>New landscaping should be limited to native or drought tolerant plants when a Stage 1 water conservation program is in effect.</p> <p>Limits on watering duration. Watering or irrigating of lawns, landscape or other vegetated area with potable water using a landscape irrigation system or a watering device that is not continuously attended is limited to no more than 15 minutes per day per station. This subsection does not apply to landscape irrigation systems that exclusively use high efficiency irrigation equipment, very low-flow drip type irrigation systems when no emitter produces more than two gallons of water per hour, and weather-based controllers or high-efficiency stream rotor sprinklers.</p> <p>Operators of hotels, motels, and other commercial establishments offering lodgings shall post in each room a notice of water shortage conditions, encouraging water conservation practices.</p> <p>Lodging establishment must offer opt out of linen service.</p> <p>Require covers for pools and spas.</p> <p>Watering to maintain the level of water in swimming pools shall occur only when essential.</p>
<p>2 – UP TO 20% WATER USE REDUCTION</p>	<p>Drought Watch</p> <p>Dry season starts in June or later</p> <p>Rainfall at 71-85% of normal</p> <p>Average SS well levels at 91-100% of normal (18.2-20.1 ft)</p> <p>WBE/WBW well levels at 91-100% of normal (WBE is 5.2-5.6 ft and WBW is 5.1-5.6 ft)</p> <p>9P2/SS4 gradient at 91-100% of normal (2.8-3.0 ft)</p>	<p>Up to 3 days per week landscape irrigation when using potable water; no more than 15 minutes per day per station.</p> <p>Car washing is only permitted using a commercial carwash that recirculates water or by high pressure/low volume wash systems.</p> <p>Commercial car wash and laundry systems. Installation of new or replacement non re-circulating water systems in commercial conveyor car wash or commercial laundry systems is prohibited.</p> <p>Use of graywater, as that term is defined in the California Health & Safety Code, or recycled water for irrigation is permitted on any day and at any time, subject only to any permits issued by the County.</p> <p>Construction operations receiving water from a construction meter or water truck shall not use water unnecessarily for any purpose other than those required by regulatory agencies. Construction projects requiring watering for new landscaping materials shall adhere to the designated irrigation requirements set forth in this plan and shall only install native or drought-tolerant plant species.</p> <p>District will commence public outreach campaign regarding water shortage watch restrictions including presentations and/or materials provided to local schools and street signage.</p>

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3 – UP TO 30% WATER USE REDUCTION	Water Shortage Warning	Irrigation on public medians with potable water is prohibited.
	Dry season starts in May or later	Decorative water features that use potable water must be drained and kept dry. Wash only full loads of laundry and/or dishes.
	Rainfall at 56-70% of normal	Filling, refilling, or replenishing swimming pools, spas, ponds, streams, and artificial lakes is prohibited. Tune-up irrigation system by checking for and repairing leaks and damaged sprinklers.
	Average SS well levels at 81-90% of normal (16.1-18.1ft)	Up to two days per week of landscape irrigation when using potable water; no more than 15 minutes per day per station. Shorten showers and turn off faucets while brushing teeth or shaving.
	WBE/WBW well levels at 81-90% of normal (WBE is 4.6-5.1 ft and WBW is 4.6-5.0 ft)	District will expand outreach campaign to include a staffed booth at the weekly Farmer's Market. Water efficient product giveaways will be provided, budget permitting. Fix leaky faucets, toilets, showerheads, pipes, and other water plumbing immediately.
	9P2/SS4 gradient at 81-90% of normal (2.5-2.7 ft)	
4 – UP TO 40% WATER USE REDUCTION	Drought Emergency	Up to one day per week of landscape irrigation when using potable water; no more than 10 minutes per day per station.
	Dry season starts in April or later	Maintenance of existing landscaping necessary for fire protection as specified by the Fire Chief of the Cambria CSD Fire Department; if fire-protection landscaping is not sustainable by irrigation one (1) days per week, irrigation may be increased to not more than two (2) days per week;
	Rainfall at 41-55% of normal	Maintenance of existing landscaping for erosion control; if erosion-control landscaping is not sustainable by irrigation one (1) day per week, may be irrigated up to two (2) days per week.
	Average SS well levels at 71-80% of normal (14.1-16.0ft)	Implement monthly meter reading; customer notification re: percentage of allocation used Existing pools shall not be emptied and refilled using potable water unless required for public health and safety purposes.
	WBE/WBW well levels at 71-80% of normal (WBE is 4.1-4.5 ft and WBW is 4.0-4.5 ft)	No new will serves for projects including pool or spa installation will be permitted. Staff directed to communicate with water users in the 90th percentile of their customer class to help reduce consumption.
	9P2/SS4 gradient at 71-80% of normal (2.2-2.4 ft)	Previous waivers for watering or water use in excess of drought restrictions will be revoked. Washing of personal vehicles at home (including autos, trucks, trailers, motor homes, boats, or others) is prohibited. Water use allocation per permanent resident: 3 units per month. Commercial water use allocation: 3 units per EDU or fraction thereof; or average of last 12 months water use, whichever is less. Vacation rental allocation: 3 units per month. Upon the declaration of a water shortage emergency, no new water meters allowed, except for health and safety, unless water demand is offset to a net zero increase. Achieving net zero water increase is when potable water use of proposed development is no greater than current demand within the District's service area prior to installation of the new meters. The District will separately develop a "Net Zero Water Increase Program." The objective of the Program shall be to provide a means to continue sustainable growth during continuing water shortage conditions. No new temporary construction meter permits will be issued by the District.

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		<p>The District will suspend consideration of annexations to its service area unless the annexation increases the water supply available to the District by more than the anticipated demands of the property to be annexed.</p> <p>Staff directed to prepare WRF for operation.</p>
5 – UP TO 50% WATER USE REDUCTION	<p>Extreme Drought Emergency</p> <p>Dry season starts in March or earlier</p> <p>Rainfall at 26-40% of normal</p> <p>Average SS well levels at 61-70% of normal (12.1-14.0 ft)</p> <p>WBE/WBW well levels at 61-70% of normal (WBE is 3.5-4.0 ft and WBW is 3.4-3.9 ft)</p> <p>9P2/SS4 gradient at 61-70% of normal (1.9-2.1 ft)</p>	<p>No irrigation of turf, landscapes and/or ornamental gardens with potable water sources.</p> <p>Water use for public health and safety purposes only. Customer rationing may be implemented.</p> <p>No new construction meters will be issued.</p> <p>Dedicated irrigation meters will be locked by CCSD staff.</p> <p>Staff directed to perform mandatory water audits for water users in the 90th percentile.</p> <p>No replacement water may be provided for ponds or lakes. Aeration equipment should be managed in such a way as to eliminate evaporative loss of water.</p> <p>Water use allocation per permanent resident: 2 units per month. Commercial water use allocation: 2 units per EDU or fraction thereof; or 75% of average of last 12 months water use, whichever is less. Vacation rental allocation: 2 units per month.</p> <p>Penalty charges for violation of water use allocations. Water use that exceeds allocation by less than 25% will be subject to a five-hundred percent (500%) surcharge levied on all usage above the customer's allocation. Water use that exceeds allocation by more than 25% will be subject to a one-thousand percent (1000%) surcharge levied on all usage above the customer's allocation. The tiered penalty structure is designed to acknowledge those customers who make a good faith effort to reduce consumption but go over their allocation by a small amount.</p> <p>Staff directed to operate WRF.</p> <p>No water for commercial car washes.</p> <p>No planting of new landscaping (seed, sod, or other plant materials).</p>
6 – GREATER THAN 50% WATER USE REDUCTION	<p>Exceptional Drought Emergency</p> <p>Dry season starts in March or earlier</p> <p>Rainfall at <25% of normal</p> <p>Average SS well levels at <60% of normal (≤ 12.0 ft)</p> <p>WBE/WBW well levels at <60% of normal (WBE is ≤ 3.4 ft and WBW is ≤ 3.3 ft)</p> <p>9P2/SS4 gradient at <60% of normal (≤ 1.8 ft)</p>	<p>All landscape and non-essential outdoor water use for all Customers in all areas of the District's retail water service area shall be prohibited.</p> <p>Water rationing and penalties for exceeding allocations to remain in effect.</p> <p>Water use for public health and safety purposes only.</p> <p>Staff directed to operate WRF.</p>