

Senior Canyon Mutual Water Company

Resolution of September 17, 2021

Establishing

Water Waste Prohibitions within the Senior Canyon Service Area

Background:

1. Article X, Section 2 of the California Constitution and Section 100 of the Water Code section 100 declare that the general welfare requires water resources be put to beneficial use and the waste or unreasonable use or unreasonable method of use of water be prevented.
2. Senior Canyon Mutual Water Company (Senior Canyon) has limited surface and groundwater sources of its own to service all the beneficial uses within its service area. In times of drought, Senior Canyon relies increasingly on supplemental water purchased from Casitas Municipal Water District (Casitas).
3. Senior Canyon purchases water from Casitas Municipal Water District CMWD (Casitas) under the conditions of a retail water service agreement, which requires that Senior Canyon implement customer water conservation measures and best management practices and enforce water waste prohibitions in Senior Canyon's service area in a manner that strives for parity between Senior Canyon's customers and Casitas' customers.
4. As of the date of this resolution, drought has extended to an extreme level with seasonal rainfall the lowest in 100 years. Water production from Senior Canyon's local sources has declined to 15 percent of demand and Lake Casitas, Senior Canyon's only back up supply, is at only 35 percent capacity. Casitas has implemented its Stage Three water use restrictions and Governor Newsom has called on all Californians to reduce their water use by 15 percent from current levels.
5. Since 2015, Senior Canyon and its shareholders have implemented policies and actions to conserve water and reduce waste within the service area. While these have significantly improved the sustainability of the Senior Canyon's water resources, the worsening drought conditions call for more structured measures.
6. In consideration of the above, and consistent with water use restrictions in place elsewhere in the Ojai Valley and with state requirements, the Board adopts the following Water Waste Prohibitions.

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Resolution:

1. Effective as of this date, the following water use prohibitions are established within the Senior Canyon Service Area
 - a. No hosing off of sidewalks, driveways, and other non-porous hardscapes.
 - b. No washing automobiles with hoses not equipped with a shut-off nozzle.
 - c. No fountains or other water features that are not recirculating.
 - d. No watering lawns in a manner that causes runoff, or within 48 hours after measurable precipitation.
 - e. No automated outdoor watering between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 - f. No irrigation of the same zone more than 3 times per week.
 - g. No new landscaping unless xeriscape landscaping (drought resistant planting).
2. The following actions and irrigation practices are encouraged:
 - a. Cover pools to reduce evaporation losses.
 - b. Stop irrigating non-profitable or marginal orchards.
 - c. Install low-flow showerheads and low water use toilets and replace clothes washers with high efficiency units if you haven't already done so.
 - d. Remove or stop watering irrigated turf.
 - e. Improve irrigation systems with low-flow and drip emitters and smart controllers.
 - f. Deep soaking of plants should be done with a hose shut-off timer.
 - g. Trees and large shrubs should be deeply irrigated no more than once or twice a month.
 - h. Place mulch under trees and shrubs to reduce irrigation water needs.
 - i. Prune/trim trees and shrubs, to reduce their water needs.
3. Enforcement:
 - a. Senior Canyon shareholders and other end-users are expected to fully comply with the water use prohibitions of this resolution.
 - b. Senior Canyon may issue written notices to violators. At this time, fines for violations are not being imposed but may be imposed by subsequent board action.

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ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Senior Canyon Mutual Water Company held on September 17, 2021 by the following vote:

AYES: Jackson, Jones, Poulsen, Thielke, Weaver, Webster

NOES:

ABSENT: Passell

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED:



Peter Thielke, President

ATTEST:



Michael Weaver, Secretary