



City of Grover Beach

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City of Grover Beach Declares a Stage I Water Shortage **Citizens and Businesses Encouraged to Continue Conserving Water**

GROVER BEACH, CA – Due to abundant rainfall last season, the Grover Beach City Council has downgraded the existing water shortage declaration from a Stage II to a **Stage I Water Shortage** condition. The City Council continues to encourage citizens and businesses to conserve and limit water use.

The City Council originally declared a Stage I Water Shortage in June 2007 and then increased the alert level to a Stage II for the 2010 rainfall year (July 1st to June 30th). Due to above average rainfall last year, the City's water supplies have partially recovered from a five-year drought, which began in 2006. However, a minor water shortage still exists.

In accordance with the City's adopted Water Shortage Contingency Plan, residents and businesses are strongly encouraged to **refrain** from the following water uses during a Stage I Water Shortage:

- Use of potable water for street cleaning;
- Unauthorized use of water from any fire hydrant;
- Use of potable water to wash sidewalks or roadways where air blowers or sweeping provides a reasonable alternative;
- Use of potable water for construction purposes, such as consolidation of backfill unless no other source of water or method can be used;
- Restaurant water service to patrons, unless upon request;
- Hydrant flushing, except where required for public health and safety;
- Refilling existing private pools, except to maintain water levels;
- Use of potable water for planting of turf and other new landscaping, unless it consists of low water using, drought tolerant plants;
- Use of water for washing cars, boats, sidewalks, driveways or other exterior surfaces without a quick-acting shut-off nozzle on the hose; and
- Operations of any ornamental fountain or car wash, unless the water is re-circulated.

At a minimum, the City Council reviews rainfall and other information annually and, based on this information, determines the appropriate water conservation actions.

The City receives its water from two sources: the Lopez Lake Water Reservoir and a number of groundwater wells. Currently, the City's water supply sources are nearing full recovery from the recent five-year drought. Drought conditions in the future could compromise the City's ability to deliver water and more stringent actions could then become necessary. Consequently, citizens and businesses are encouraged to conserve water where possible. In the event you have questions regarding the need to conserve water, you are encouraged to contact the Public Works Department at (805) 473-4520 or the Administrative Services Department at (805) 473-4550.

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