



City of Grover Beach

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CITY OF GROVER BEACH URGES RESIDENTS TO CONTINUE TO CONSERVE WATER

GROVER BEACH, CA – During the Council meeting held on February 3, 2014, the Mayor and City Council urged Grover Beach residents and businesses to continue their efforts to conserve water. The Council pointed to the fact that the City was one of the first jurisdictions to raise the alert regarding the ongoing drought with the declaration of a **Stage II Water Shortage** on August 5, 2013. A Stage II Water Shortage is considered a moderate stage and the Council reminded residents and businesses that it is important to abide by the voluntary prohibitions outlined in the Declaration of a Stage II Water Shortage.

In accordance with the City's adopted Water Shortage Contingency Plan, residents and businesses are strongly encouraged to **voluntarily refrain** from the following:

- 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. Despite recent rains, the Council recognizes that we are concluding a second year where drought conditions have persisted and a third year is potentially on the horizon. It continues to be important for everyone to conserve this valuable resource.

Over the years the City has conscientiously promoted good stewardship of our water resources. As the City of Grover Beach developed, a system of storm water drainage basins was constructed that (with the assistance of natural percolation) return water to the underground aquifer. For the same reason, current construction standards require that all run-off water be retained on site.

Grover Beach has also aggressively implemented a series of water conservation incentive programs, including “Cash for Grass” (replacing lawns with drought tolerant landscaping) and Plumbing Retrofit and Appliance replacement programs. Information on these programs may be accessed from the City website at www.grover.org or by contacting City Hall.

The City receives its water from two sources: the Lopez Lake Water Reservoir and a number of groundwater wells. In the event you have questions regarding the need to conserve water, you are encouraged to contact the **City of Grover Beach Public Works Department at (805) 473-4520** or the **Administrative Services Department at (805) 473-4550**.

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