

Stage Three Drought Phased Response Options

The following water use regulations and development restrictions can be considered for implementation in a phased approach if the water supply situation worsens or the community does not meet conservation targets. These actions could be implemented as part of a Stage 3 Drought, or could be further phased, depending on the drought condition at that time.

<i>Phase</i>	<i>Water Use Regulations</i>	<i>Development Restrictions</i>
Current	<p>Regulations align with statewide regulations and include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restrict watering times • Nozzle required on hoses • Limited washing of hard surfaces • No irrigation during/after rain • Large commercial fountains may not operate • Pools and spa covers required • Water only served on request, drought notice required • Require towel/linen washing signage in hotels/motels • Require drought and shower limitation signage in gyms and pool facilities. 	<p>Irrigation with potable water for new homes and buildings must comply with regulations adopted by the CA Building Standards Commission and the Department of Housing and Community Development.</p> <p>No Public Works permits for groundwater wells if property is connected to the City’s water system</p>
More Strict	<p>Prohibit overhead spray irrigation in parkways</p> <p>Prohibit irrigation of turf, with limited exceptions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycled water • Athletic fields at schools and child care facilities • Open spaces and parks on publicly owned and operated land • Water wise turf (must apply for exemption) • Commercial event spaces (must apply for exemption) 	<p>Mandatory deferral of installation of all approved “aesthetic” landscaping, which does <u>not</u> include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Storm Water Management compliance • Required mitigation • Creek/riparian restoration • Tree relocations • Erosion control <p>No Building Permits for new swimming pools.</p> <p>No Building Permits for projects with <u>net new</u> water use.* (Note: This restriction could be made less strict by allowing certain exemptions.)</p>
Catastrophic Supply Interruption	<p>Outdoor watering by hand only or No outdoor water use</p>	<p>No new water meters*</p>

*Coordinate with Santa Barbara County to apply City development restrictions to out-of-City properties served by City water