



PID adopts conservation program

Thanks to plentiful rain and Paradise's exemplary efforts at conserving water in 2015, Paradise Irrigation District has enough water in storage that California is not requiring the district to achieve a state-mandated conservation goal in 2016.

It's still important to use water wisely, of course. This includes a common sense approach to watering (avoiding outdoor watering at the peak of the day's heat), not wasting water on driveways and irrigating efficiently. To use water wisely, PID customers can sign up for AquaHawk and benefit from its leak alerts—even if they're not frequently online. For information, go to ParadiseSavesWater.com.

Overview of 2016 wise water use guidelines

Water when?

- No outdoor watering between noon and 6 pm.
- Restriction doesn't apply to limited use of a hand-held bucket or hand-held hose with a self-closing water shut-off nozzle/device.
- Restriction doesn't apply to irrigation systems where no emitter produces a spray pattern.
- Commercial nurseries and growers are exempt from timed watering guidelines.

Water what?

- No washing driveways or hard surfaces.
- No watering overspray on to paved or hardscaped areas (sidewalks, drives).
- When washing your vehicle, only use a bucket or a hose with a shut-off nozzle.

Water around our community:

- Customers at ridge restaurants must ask for a glass of water; it will not be served automatically.
- Ridge motels and hotels must offer guests the option of no daily linen/towel service.

Your responsibilities:

- If PID notifies you that you have a leak, it's your responsibility to repair it promptly.
- Sign up for AquaHawk to monitor your water use and receive leak alerts.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, PARADISE IRRIGATION WATER DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-13
ADOPTING THE 2016 WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, article X, section 2 of the California Constitution declares that waters of the State are to be put to beneficial use, that waste, unreasonable use, or unreasonable method of use of water be prevented, and that water be conserved for the public welfare; and

WHEREAS, regulation of the time of certain water use, manner of certain water use, method of application of water for certain uses, and installation and use of water-saving devices provide an effective and immediately available means of conserving water; and

WHEREAS, California Water Code sections 375 et seq. empower any public entity which supplies water at retail or wholesale to adopt and enforce a water conservation program to reduce the quantity of water used by those within its service area after holding a public hearing and making appropriate findings of necessity for the adoption of a water conservation program; and

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2016, the Governor of California executed Executive Order B-37-16 making conservation a way of life; and

WHEREAS, Paradise Irrigation District (District), as an urban retail water supplier, is mandated pursuant to SBx7-7 to, among other requirements, reduce per capita water consumption 20% by 2020; and

WHEREAS, the District has prepared and amended from time to time an urban water management plan that, among other things, sets forth the District's drought contingency plan and process to analyze the District's surface water storage levels on April 1 of each year to determine if drought conditions exist and water shortage contingency stages should be enacted; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2016, the District analyzed the water supply conditions of the District which were determined to be 12,297 acre-feet of stored supply, equating to 102% of average and 100% of available reservoir storage capacity; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the District's urban water management plan the aforementioned water supply conditions require no rationing of supplies during the 2016 water year; and

WHEREAS, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) intends on modifying its current emergency urban water conservation regulations and has circulated a draft modification to the pending emergency regulations that would include a self-certification process to demonstrate an urban supplier can satisfy treated water demands in the event the drought extends another three years; and

WHEREAS, under this draft approach, the District has more than adequate water supply to provide its customers with three years of supply assuming a continuation of drought conditions and establishes a conservation standard of 0%; and

WHEREAS, given the Governor's May 9, 2016, Executive Order B-37-16 and the anticipated adoption by the SWRCB of draft regulations mandating certain wise water use practices, the District hereby continues water use limitations on end-users to eliminate water waste; and

WHEREAS, the end user limitations and wise water use practices set forth in the District's 2014 Water Conservation Program and 2015 Water Conservation Program are incorporated herein by this reference; and

WHEREAS, though the District intends on complying with the mandates established by the State of California, it does so specifically reserving all rights, claims and defenses available to the District; and

WHEREAS, the District finds that adherence to this Water Conservation Program and the required measures will balance the District's need to conserve water for possible future drought in 2017 and beyond and the District's customers' need to use water in 2016 for beneficial uses, including health and safety demands; and

WHEREAS, the adoption and enforcement of a comprehensive water conservation program will allow Paradise Irrigation District to delay or avoid declaring a water shortage emergency pursuant to Water Code section 350; and

WHEREAS, the amendment and readoption and enforcement of a water conservation program is necessary to comply with the mandated actions set forth in the emergency regulations as currently drafted and as the SWRCB may modify the same; and

WHEREAS, on May 18, 2016, Paradise Irrigation District held a public hearing and demonstrated the necessity for the adoption of its water conservation program to comply with state mandates; and

WHEREAS, water conserved by the District's customers will be carried over in storage for the beneficial use of the District's customers, including possible public health and safety uses of District customers in future years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of Paradise Irrigation District does hereby adopt its "2016 Water Conservation Program for Paradise Irrigation District" as follows:

1. The Board of Directors finds the above recitals are true and incorporates them by this reference as findings; and
2. This resolution and the conservation measures herein are effective immediately upon adoption pursuant to Water Code section 376; and
3. Pursuant to Water Code section 376 and Government Code section 6061, Paradise Irrigation District shall publish in a newspaper of general circulation this resolution, or a summary, adopting this revised water conservation program within 10 days after its adoption and publicize its enactment on the District's website and in billing correspondence with the District's customers; and
4. This resolution establishes mandatory conservation measures to be implemented immediately by all District customers and at such other times when, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, such measures are necessary for the preservation of public health and safety standards. The Board finds that these mandatory conservation measures constitute equitable rules governing use of water given the state's conservation mandates and the potential for continued drought conditions in 2017 or beyond. The Board finds that the mandatory conservation measures will be in place for the duration of the state's emergency regulations concerning urban conservation. The mandatory conservation measures may be

re-imposed at a future time by majority action of the Board of Directors at a public meeting convened in accordance with the Brown Act (Government Code §§ 54950 et seq.).

5. The provisions of this resolution are not intended to limit uses of water necessary to protect public health and safety or for essential government services, such as police, fire and other similar emergency services; and
6. Violations of this Water Conservation Program will be considered waste and an unreasonable use of water. The following mandatory conservation measures must be implemented and complied with by all District customers and are effective immediately and at such other times as determined by the Board of Directors:

a. **Watering Hours and Duration.** Outdoor irrigation and watering is prohibited between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. These restrictions do not apply to the limited use of a hand-held bucket or similar container, a hand-held hose equipped with a positive self-closing water shut-off nozzle or device, irrigation systems where no emitter produces a spray pattern, or to commercial nurseries and growers.

b. **Excessive Water Flow or Runoff.** Watering in a manner that, as determined in the sole discretion of the District, results in overspray or excessive runoff onto paved or hardscaped areas is prohibited.

c. **Washing Hard or Paved Surfaces.** Washing of hard or paved surfaces, including without limitation sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking areas, tennis courts, patios, roofs, alleys and other hard surfaces, is prohibited except with a low-volume high-pressure cleaning machine, or a low-volume high-pressure water broom.

d. **Water Fountains and Decorative Water Features.** Water fountains and decorative water features must use a water recirculation system.

e. **Limits on Washing Vehicles.** Washing any automobile, truck, van, bus, motorcycle, boat, or any other vehicle is restricted to the use of a hand-held bucket or similar container, a hand-held hose equipped with a positive self-closing water shut-off nozzle or device. This provision does not apply to a commercial car washing facility.

f. **Rainy Days.** No outdoor irrigation, sprinkling, or Outdoor Watering shall take place during, or within 48 hours after measureable local rainfall.

g. **Irrigation of Public Street Medians.** In accordance with Regulation section 864(a)(7) no irrigation with potable water of ornamental turf will be allowed on public street medians within the District's service area.

h. **Outdoor Irrigation of New Construction.** In accordance with Regulation section 864(a)(8) irrigation using potable water of landscapes outside of newly constructed homes and buildings in the District's service area will not be allowed if in a manner inconsistent with the regulations or other requirements established by the California Building Standards Commission.

i. **Drinking Water Served Upon Request.** Eating or drinking establishments, including restaurants, hotels,

cafés, cafeterias, bars, or other public places where food or drinks are sold are prohibited from providing drinking water to any customer unless expressly requested.

j. **Commercial Lodging Establishment Daily Linen Services.** Hotels, motels, and other commercial lodging establishments must provide customers the option of not having towels and linen laundered daily. Commercial lodging establishments must prominently display notice of this option in each guest room.

7. The District's General Manager is directed to continue outreach to encourage customers to sign up for AquaHawk at PID.aquahawk.us. Water saving tips are available at www.paradisairrigation.com, www.paradisisesaveswater.com, or by contacting District staff at 877-4971.

8. The District reserves the right to pursue any and all available remedies for violations of the requirements of this Water Conservation Program, including without limitation:

a. Each violation of this resolution may be prosecuted (i) as a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than thirty (30) days or by a fine not exceeding \$1,000, or by both, as provided in Water Code section 377, and/or (ii) as an infraction punishable by a fine up to \$500 for each day in which the violation occurs, as provided in title 23, California Code of Regulations, section 864(d).

b. Each day that a violation of this resolution occurs is a separate offense.

9. The District's General Manager or his designee may modify this Water Conservation Program without further action or approval of the Board of Directors when said modification is required in order to comply with any law, regulation, action by the Governor or state agency, or similar mandate. Such modification shall not constitute an amendment to the Water Conservation Program under section 376(b) of the Water Code. The General Manager shall give notice of any such modification as soon as possible prior to its effective date, by posting notice and the text of the modification on the District's website and in a conspicuous place at the District office. Any action taken under this paragraph 9 will be agendized at the next regularly scheduled board meeting for ratification by the Board of Directors.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Paradise Irrigation District at a special meeting of said Board on this 18th day of May, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Ken Hunt, Larry Duncan, Cliff Jacobson and Sep Carola.
NOES: Director Bill Kellogg
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

PARADISE IRRIGATION DISTRICT


Sep Carola, President

ATTEST:

Georgeanna Borrayo, Secretary

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