

**RESOLUTION 21 - 1139**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOLVANG  
DECLARING A STAGE ONE DROUGHT CONDITION**

**WHEREAS**, in California, water year 2020 was dry, and the winter of 2021 has been very dry; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2021 State Water allocation issued by the Department of Water Resources in March 2021 is only 5% which matches the historic record low allocation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Solvang, since the introduction of State Water, has relied heavily each year on State Water as its primary source of water supply; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Solvang is facing some uncertainty with respect to water supply; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Solvang may declare a Stage One Drought Condition, per City Code Section 9-3D-3, which would activate voluntary water conservation efforts and mandatory irrigation time of use restrictions; and

**WHEREAS**, the voluntary water conservation by all City customers is aimed at a fifteen percent (15%) reduction in water use from an average of the 2019/2020 monthly water usage.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Solvang that the City of Solvang hereby declares a Stage One Drought Condition, per City Code Section 9-3D-3 attached and included herein as Exhibit A.

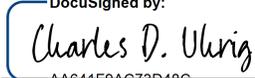
**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: Robert Clarke, Mark Infanti, Claudia Orona, Jim Thomas, Charlie Uhrig

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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Charlie Uhrig, Mayor

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Xenia Bradford, City Clerk

**Exhibit A:**

**9-3D-3 Regulations during drought conditions.**

A. Stage One Drought Regulations. Upon adoption by the city council of a resolution declaring a stage one drought condition and for as long as that condition exists the following water regulations and other such regulations as may be adopted by resolution of the city council, shall apply to all use of water that is provided by the city water supply system.

1. Voluntary water conservation by all city customers aimed at a fifteen percent (15%) reduction in water use from the specified prior benchmark year's average monthly water usage. The benchmark year shall be established in the resolution.
2. Irrigation of turf such as schoolyards, parks, ball fields, golf courses, green spaces, etc., shall be allowed only between the hours of ten (10:00) p.m. and six (6:00) a.m.
3. All restaurants that provide table service shall post, in a conspicuous place, a notice of drought condition and shall refrain from serving water except upon specific request by a customer.
4. Operators of hotels, motels and other commercial establishments offering lodging shall post in each room a notice of drought condition containing water conservation information. Linens and towels shall be washed no more than every second (2nd) day for guests staying more than one (1) night.
5. Exterior sprinkler watering of plants, lawns, shrubbery, ground cover, etc., shall be permitted only between the hours of eight (8:00) p.m. to eight (8:00) a.m. during the months of March through October, and only between the hours of four (4:00) p.m. to ten (10:00) a.m. during the months of November through February.
6. Vehicles shall be washed only at commercial car washing facilities.
7. The washing of hard surfaces such as driveways and sidewalks shall be prohibited except where necessary to protect the public health and safety.
8. The loss of water through breaks or leaks in any water user's plumbing must be corrected within twenty-four (24) hours of the user's knowledge of that condition.

B. Stage Two Drought Regulations. Upon adoption by the city council of a resolution declaring a stage two drought condition and for as long as that condition exists, the following water use regulations and other such regulations as may be adopted by resolution of the city council, shall apply to all use of water that is provided by the city water supply system.

1. Mandatory reduction in water use from the specified prior benchmark year's average monthly water usage by all city customers of twenty percent (20%) based on customer class as follows:
  - a. Single-family residential customers water usage penalties shall be tiered with no penalty for the allowed residential usage as determined by city council resolution and increasing to one and one-half (1.5) times the current water rate as the second tier and two (2.0) times the current water rate for that amount over the second tier.
  - b. Commercial/industrial/institutional customer water usage penalties shall be tiered with no penalty for the allowed benchmark year percentage usage as determined by city council resolution and increasing to one and one-half (1.5) times the current water rate for the second tier and two (2.0) times the current water rate for that amount over the second tier.
  - c. Irrigation only customer water usage penalties shall be as follows:

0 - 50% of usage compared to the same month in the benchmark year	No penalty. Current water rate
>50% of usage compared to the same month in the benchmark year	Penalty = 2.0x current water rate, and onetime warning
Second month and each additional month over	\$500.00 penalty

d. Multifamily residential/mobile home customer water usage penalties shall be as follows:

0 - 90% of usage compared to the same month in the benchmark year	No penalty. Current water rate
>90% of usage compared to the same month in the benchmark year	Penalty = 1.5x current water rate

2. Outdoor irrigation of ornamental landscapes or turf shall be limited to no more than two (2) days per week. Watering shall be restricted to Mondays and Thursdays for addresses ending in even numbers, and to Tuesdays and Fridays for addresses ending in odd numbers.
  3. The use of water for the flushing of water mains, and fire department training exercises shall be allowed only upon advance written approval of the city manager.
  4. The use of water in a fountain or other decorative water feature, except where the water is part of a recirculating system, is prohibited.
  5. The penalty for a second violation of any stage one or stage two drought regulation shall be set by city council resolution, after a written warning upon the first violation.
  6. Each of the stage one drought regulations set forth in subsections (A)(1) through (A)(8) of this section shall remain in force where not in conflict with the provisions of this subsection B.
- C. Stage Three Drought Regulations. Upon adoption by the city council of a resolution declaring a stage three drought condition and for as long as that condition exists, the following water use regulations and other such regulations as may be adopted by resolution of the city council shall apply to all use of water that is provided by the city water supply system.
1. Mandatory reduction in water use from the specified prior benchmark year’s average monthly water usage by all city customers of thirty percent (30%) based on customer class.
  2. Each of the stage one drought regulations set forth in subsections (A)(1) through (A)(8) of this section shall remain in force where not in conflict with the provisions of this subsection C.
  3. Each of the stage two drought regulations set forth in subsections (B)(2) through (B)(6) of this section shall remain in force to the extent that they do not conflict with the provisions of this subsection C.
- D. Stage Four Drought Regulations. Upon adoption by the city council of a resolution declaring a stage four drought condition and for as long as that condition exists, the following water use

regulations and other such regulations as may be adopted by resolution of the city council shall apply to all use of water that is provided by the city water supply system.

1. This provision shall activate an allotment system and/or a rationing program for water users.
2. All exterior water use, including the filling of spas and swimming pools, water for fountains or decorative water features, landscape irrigation, lawn watering, etc., shall be prohibited except where necessary to protect the public health and safety.
3. The penalty for a second violation of any stage one through four drought regulation shall be established by city council resolution per violation, after a written warning upon the first violation.
4. Each of the stage one through stage three drought regulations set forth in this section shall remain in force where not in conflict with the provisions of this subsection D. (Ord. 16-318, 2016)