

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>
Initial	<p>Continue the City's Stage 2 regulations, with modifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minor clarifications as necessary to align with new State regulations <p>New regulations to comply with updated State regulations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibit irrigation during or within 48 hours after rainfall Require towel/linen washing signage in hotels/motels Prohibit irrigation runoff of potable water on hardscapes and walkways 	<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>Limit the number of watering days per week</p> <p>Limit irrigation methods to high efficiency irrigation systems</p> <p>Prohibit irrigation of turf, with limited exceptions</p>	<p>No Building Permits for new swimming pools**</p> <p>Mandatory deferral of installation of all approved "aesthetic" landscaping. Aesthetic landscaping does not include landscaping that serves as**:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Storm Water Management Required mitigation Creek restoration Tree relocations Erosion control
Most Strict	<p>Outdoor watering by hand only</p> <p>or</p> <p>No outdoor water use</p>	<p>No Building Permits for projects with net new water use, with exceptions*:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% Affordable Housing Essential Services (schools, libraries, Public Works projects) Minor additions (e.g. non-residential additions of less than 500 sq ft.) <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

** Mandatory deferral of all landscaping would trigger a change in current Water Conservation rebate policies; no rebates would be offered for installation of new plants. Rebates would only be offered for other measures such as irrigation system retrofits, mulch, graywater, and pool covers.

‡Projects that submit an application for a Building Permit prior to the adopted resolution would be exempt.