

## 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"> <li>• Limit frequency of use of running water for preventive maintenance of buildings</li> <li>• Expand restriction on water use in fountains to include residential fountains in excess of 25 sq. ft.</li> <li>• Minor clarifications as necessary to align with new State regulations</li> </ul> <p>New regulations to comply with updated State regulations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prohibit irrigation during or within 48 hours after rainfall</li> <li>• Require towel/linen washing signage in hotels/motels</li> <li>• Limit the number of watering days per week (pending the outcome of the City’s request for exemption)</li> </ul>	<p>Voluntary deferral of installation of approved “aesthetic” landscaping. Aesthetic landscaping does not include landscaping that serves as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Storm Water Management</li> <li>• Required mitigation</li> <li>• Creek restoration</li> <li>• Tree relocations</li> <li>• Erosion control</li> </ul> <p>Mandatory deferral of installation of any new plants that are not water wise, except if irrigated with non-potable water<sup>±</sup></p> <p>Irrigation with potable water for new homes and buildings must only be drip or microspray systems</p> <p>No Building Permits for new swimming pools<sup>**</sup></p> <p>No Public Works permits for groundwater wells if property is connected to the City’s water system</p>
More Strict	<p>Further 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>Mandatory deferral of installation of all approved “aesthetic” landscaping. Aesthetic landscaping does not include landscaping that serves as<sup>**</sup>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Storm Water Management</li> <li>• Required mitigation</li> <li>• Creek restoration</li> <li>• Tree relocations</li> <li>• Erosion control</li> </ul>

Most Strict	Outdoor watering by hand only  <b>or</b>  No outdoor water use	No Building Permits for projects with net new water use, with exceptions*: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% Affordable Housing</li> <li>• Essential Services (schools, libraries, Public Works projects)</li> <li>• Minor additions (e.g. non-residential additions of less than 500 sq ft.)</li> </ul> No new water meters*
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\*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 Stage Three Drought declaration would be exempt.

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