

Section 8 Water Conservation Stage Three - Water Shortage Emergency

8.1 Water Shortage Emergency Declaration

Water Conservation Stage Three is also referred to as a “Water Shortage Emergency” and applies during periods when the District will not be able to meet all of the water demands of its Customers.

Water Conservation Stage Three may be caused by, but is not limited to, any or all of the following circumstances or events:

- 1) A regional or statewide water supply shortage exists and a public outreach campaign is being implemented asking or requiring all Persons to reduce water use;
- 2) Delivery infrastructure such as storage reservoirs, pipes, pumps, filtration devices or groundwater wells are inoperable or unusable (such as by power outages, mechanical failure, or contamination);
- 3) Groundwater levels or groundwater quality is approaching levels which may require augmentation of the groundwater basin or other actions necessary to protect the groundwater basin as prescribed by the California Department of Water Resources, the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Riverside County, or some other regulatory body.
- 4) Declaration of mandatory water conservation measures by an authority other than the District, such as the California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)
- 5) River flow below 10 cfs at Miranda gauge;
- 6) Water Supply is insufficient to fill main tank overnight.

8.2 Water Shortage Emergency Restrictions

Except as otherwise provided in this Section 8, all water conservation and supply shortage response measures of Water Conservation Stages One, and Two shall be in full force and effect during Water Conservation Stage Three. Upon declaration of a Water Conservation Stage Three by Board of Directors or the General Manager, implementation by the District and publication of notice, the following water conservation and supply shortage response measures shall apply:

- 1) Industrial and Commercial accounts are limited to 400 gallons per day (approx. 1600 cubic feet per month).
- 2) Residential accounts are limited to 60 gallons per resident per day (approx. 240 cubic feet per month each (per resident)).
- 3) Provided the Board of Directors has declared a Water Shortage Emergency pursuant to California Government Code sections 350 et seq., no new construction meters will be issued. Construction water shall not be used for earth work, road construction purposes, dust control, compaction, or trench jetting.
- 4) Provided the Board of Directors has declared a Water Shortage Emergency pursuant to California Water Code sections 350 et seq., the District shall not allow any new connections to the water system during Stage Three. The existence and application of any such new connection moratorium or other similar restrictions shall be determined by separate action by the Board of Directors.

8.3 Water Shortage Emergency Objectives

The objective of the measures undertaken in Water Conservation Stage Three is Maximum Conservation. Priorities for all water use will be for human consumption, sanitation and fire protection.

8.4 Health and Safety exemptions

Health and Safety exemptions may be granted by RCSD General Manager pursuant to the process described in Section 18 of this Ordinance.