

RESOLUTION NO. ____-2022

**RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL
DECLARING A STAGE 1 WATER ALERT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF
STAGE 1 WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES**

WHEREAS, The City of Fort Bragg Municipal Code Chapter 14.06, Water Conservation, sets forth the parameters for the City to declare a water emergency and implement mandatory water conservation consistent with the Stage or level of the emergency; and

WHEREAS, In 2021, changes were made to the Municipal Code to improve notification of possible drought conditions early, providing earlier warning than in previous years; and

WHEREAS, The City remains in a severe drought status according to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) as water sources have declined steadily which is typical this time of year; and

WHEREAS, staff feels it prudent to ask our residents and water customers to target a Stage 1 conversation goal to reduce normal water usage by 5%-10% considering the City of Fort Bragg has experienced significantly less rainfall over the past three years placing the City in an extreme drought condition; and

WHEREAS, the water flows from the City's three raw water sources continue on a downward trend; and

WHEREAS, Implementing conservation measures now will reduce future impacts on the City's water supply and water storage levels and potentially avoid a greater level of water emergency; and

WHEREAS, based on all the evidence presented, the City Council finds as follows:

1. It is in the best interests of the City of Fort Bragg to declare a Stage 1 Water Alert and implement compliance with Stage 1 water conservation measures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg does hereby target water conservation measures consistent with a Stage 1 Water Alert (Fort Bragg Municipal Code section 14.06.020 (Water Conservation Stages) with a citywide goal reduction of at least five to ten percent (5%-10%) of Seasonal Water Demand, as outlined below:

1. Water will only be used for "beneficial uses" as that term is defined in Subarticle 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Division 3 of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, [14 CCR § 659 et seq.]. Beneficial uses include, but are not limited to, domestic use and irrigation use. All wasteful use of water that constitutes water misuse as defined in 23 CCR § 4000(c) is prohibited. Wasteful uses include, but are not limited to, any unreasonable water use or unreasonable method of water use.

2. During water use, water shall be confined to the customer's property and shall not be allowed to run off to adjoining property private or public walkways and sidewalks, roadways, parking lots or other structures. Care shall be taken not to water past the point of saturation.
3. Landscape irrigation, including public and private streetscape landscaping (medians and frontage), shall be limited to a maximum of three days per week, with the exception of drip irrigation, which may be conducted on any day.
 - a. Customers may only irrigate only on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 12am to 9am and 6pm to 11:59pm.
 - b. No irrigation is permitted on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, or Sundays.
4. Free flowing hoses are prohibited for all uses including landscape watering, vehicle and equipment washing, ponds, and evaporative coolers. Automatic shut-off devices shall be installed on any hose or filling apparatus while in use.
5. All pools, spas and ornamental fountains/ponds shall be equipped with a recirculation pump and shall be constructed to be leak proof. Pool draining and refilling shall be allowed only to the extent required for health, maintenance, or structural considerations, and must otherwise comply with all applicable federal, state and local stormwater management requirements, including but not limited to Chapter 12.14, Drainage Facility Improvements and Drainage Fees.
6. Restaurants shall serve water only upon specific request.
7. Hotels, motels and other commercial lodging establishments shall offer patrons the option to forego the daily laundering of towels, sheets and linens. Each lodging establishment shall prominently display notice of this option in each guestroom using clear and easily understood language.
8. Residents and business owners shall repair all water leaks as soon as feasibly possible, but no later than 5 days after notification by the City or discovery by the owner.

The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Councilmember _____, seconded by Councilmember _____, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 25th day of July, 2022, by the following vote:

**AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:
RECUSED:**

**BERNIE NORVELL
Mayor**

ATTEST:

**June Lemos, MMC
City Clerk**