

Resolution to Authorize the City Manager to Initiate Surcharges During a Level 1 Water Emergency

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Level 1 Water Emergency Baseline Usage, Curtailment, and Allocations

Definitions

- **Level 1 Water Emergency:** Initiated when the City reaches 180-days from when the total water supply is not enough to meet the total water demand
- **Baseline Usage:** The determined water usage of each customer class to establish its allocation
- **Curtailment:** Required water reduction of water supplies to all customers to meet water demand
 - Curtailment is set at 25%
- **Allocations:** The amount of water a customer may use per month during Level 1 Water Emergency
- **Baseline – Curtailment % = Allocation**

Level 1 Water Emergency Surcharge Resolution

Authorizing the City Manager to initiate surcharges during a Level 1 Water Emergency.

- The implementation of surcharges during a Level 1 Water Emergency is intended to ensure water conservation when supply is critically constrained
- Surcharges are established in City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 55, Article XII Water Resource Management
- Surcharges would no longer be in effect when the Level 1 Water Emergency is rescinded

Level 1 Water Emergency Monthly Surcharge Structure

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| Residential | \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons \$8.00 per 1,000 gallons | Above Allocation to Baseline (6,000 to 8,000) Above Baseline (8,000+) |
| Commercial | \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons \$8.00 per 1,000 gallons | Above Individual Allocation to Baseline Above Individual Baseline |
| Large-Volume Users | \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons \$8.00 per 1,000 gallons | Above Individual Allocation to Baseline Above Individual Baseline |
| Wholesale Customers | \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons \$8.00 per 1,000 gallons | Above Individual Allocation to Baseline Above Individual Baseline |

Federal government, State government, and political subdivisions of the State are exempt from these surcharges

Level 1 Water Emergency Surcharges

- Customers will receive notification of their baseline, curtailment, and surcharge amounts
- Surcharges as proposed would only be in effect for the duration of the Level 1 Water Emergency
- Once the Emergency is rescinded, the surcharges would also stop

Staff Recommendation

Adoption of the resolution as presented.



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