

# **BOLINAS COMMUNITY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT**

## **Water Conservation and Dry Year Water Use Reduction Program**

The purpose of this program is to establish a water conservation and dry year water use reduction plan to minimize the effect of an extreme shortage of water caused by drought conditions on the district's consumers and to adopt provisions that will significantly reduce the consumption of water during an extended dry weather period (drought), thereby extending the available water for the district's consumers while reducing the hardship on the general public to the greatest extent possible.

**Heightened Voluntary Conservation Alert Stage:** At any time when:

- the district's water storage at the Woodrat #1 and Woodrat #2 reservoirs (collectively) is or is projected within the next thirty (30) days to be in the vicinity of, or less than, 10 million gallons, and/or
- historic hydrologic data (Arroyo Hondo creek flows) and/or use patterns (consumption) indicate that a minimum reduction in use is required to assure sufficient carry-over storage, then,
- the BCPUD may activate a heightened voluntary conservation alert program whereby every customer shall be requested to (i) eliminate water waste and (ii) cease all landscape irrigation to aid the district in achieving a twenty-five percent (25%) reduction in the amount of potable water used by all customers during the preceding 12- month period during which no restrictions in water use were required.
- When reservoir storage is sufficiently above 10 million gallons and projected demand will not reduce such storage below 10 million gallons within the next 180 days, the foregoing twenty-five percent (25%) reduction request may be lifted.

**Mandatory Rationing Alert Stage:** At any time when:

- the district's water storage at the Woodrat #1 and Woodrat #2 reservoirs (collectively) is or is projected within the next thirty (30) days to be in the vicinity of, or less than, 8 million gallons, and/or
- historic hydrologic data (Arroyo Hondo creek flows) and use/or patterns (consumption) indicate that a further reduction in use is required to assure sufficient carry-over storage, then,
- the Board of the Directors of the BCPUD may activate by resolution a mandatory rationing program to achieve the amount of water use reduction needed, as reasonably determined by the BCPUD Board of Directors based on district staff expertise and advice.

- When reservoir storage is sufficiently above 10 million gallons and projected demand will not reduce such storage below 10 million gallons within the next 180 days, the foregoing mandatory rationing program may be lifted by resolution of the Board of Directors.

**Special Exemptions:** Upon written application by a customer for an exception to or adjustment of the water use restrictions set forth in this program, the Board of Directors may grant special exemptions for use of water otherwise prohibited by this program if the Board finds and determines that:

- failure to do so would cause an unnecessary and undue hardship on applicant or the public, including but not limited to, adverse economic impacts, such as loss of production or jobs; or
- failure to do so would cause an emergency condition affecting the health, sanitation, fire protection or safety of the applicant or the public.
- No special exemption shall be approved unless the customer has adopted all practicable water conservation measures and has demonstrated to the Board of Directors' satisfaction that there are no alternatives to the use of water from the BCPUD and the BCPUD's water will be used efficiently and without waste.

**Enforcement:** If the Board of Directors activates a mandatory rationing program by resolution, said resolution shall contain no less than the following enforcement criteria:

- Any customer violating the mandatory restrictions on water use shall receive a written warning for the first such violation.
- Upon a second violation of the mandatory restrictions on water use within the same year (which may occur as soon as 24 hours after the first violation and each day thereafter may constitute a new violation), a customer shall receive another written warning and the BCPUD also may install a flow-restricting device on the customer's service line.
- A third violation within the same year (which may occur as soon as 24 hours after the first violation and each day thereafter may constitute a new violation), shall result in the immediate discontinuation of the water service for said customer.