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Lodi, CA – On January 17, 2014, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a state of emergency in the State of California due to drought conditions in the state. On May 9, 2016, the Governor issued Executive Order B-37-16 establishing “Water Conservation a California Way of Life” and adopting permanent water conservation restrictions statewide.

As part of the permanent water conservation regulations, the City was required by the State Water Resources Control Board to self-certify a revised water conservation standard by June 22, 2016. This revised water conservation standard, calculated at **six percent (6%)**, is based on the average water demand from 2013 and 2014 compared to projected water supply shortages.

On May 21, 2014, the City Council adopted a resolution finding the existence of a drought emergency and supported the Public Works Director in declaring a Stage 1 water emergency and supporting any future water emergency restrictions, in accordance with the City’s Water Shortage Contingency. A Stage 3 emergency was declared on May 1, 2015, with enforcement effective May 11, 2015. The Stage 3 declaration is still in place.

Lodi Municipal Code, Chapter 13.08, Article III, Section 13.08.290, Emergency Water Conservation, allows the Public Works Director to determine the degree of emergency and determine what additional restrictions of water use or other appropriate actions must be taken to protect the water system and the citizens of Lodi.

Due to the reduction in the required water conservation standard from 30% to 6%, the Public Works Director, has declared a Stage 2 Water Alert effective July 1, 2016. While the Stage 2 Water Alert relaxes mandatory water conservation measures, we continue to encourage our customers to conserve and use water wisely in order to meet or exceed the new water conservation standard of 6%.

Stage 2 water restrictions include:

- Outdoor watering is allowed **three days a week** (ODD street addresses Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday, EVEN street addresses Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday), and no watering is allowed on **Mondays**.
- Outdoor watering between **10 a.m. and 6 p.m.** is prohibited.
- Outdoor watering is not allowed during or **within 48 hours** following a measureable rainfall.
- Repairing a controllable leak of water **within 72 hours** is required.
- Washing of sidewalks, driveways, parking areas, tennis courts, patios, streets or other exterior paved areas or buildings except when required to remove any spillage of substances that may be a danger to public health or safety, is prohibited.
- Washing with water any motor vehicles, trailers or movable equipment other than with a bucket and rinsing the vehicle or equipment by use of a hose for not more than three minutes is prohibited.
- Use of a hose without a positive shutoff nozzle is prohibited.
- Excess watering of any area so that water flows into a gutter or any drainage is prohibited.
- Unnecessary running of water in any residential, commercial or industrial establishment onto the floor, pavement, ground, or into any drain or drainage area, with any equipment or in any way.

Continuing commercial restrictions in addition to the above include:

- Dining establishments may only serve water upon request.
- Hotels and motels are required to offer guests the option of not having towels and linens laundered daily, and must display such a notice prominently in each guestroom.

Enforcement procedures and penalties for water wasting were updated and adopted by City Council on November 18, 2015 as described in the Lodi Water Conservation Ordinance Sections 13.08.250 and 13.08.280. These have been effective since December 18, 2015. Enforcement of water waste violations within 12 months of the prior violation are as follows:

- First Water Waste A mailed written notice (warning) requiring corrective action is sent to the resident/owner.
- Second Water Waste A \$35 charge to be added to next utility bill.
- Third Water Waste A \$75 charge to be added to next utility bill.
- Fourth Water Waste A \$200 charge will be added to next utility bill.
- Fifth Water Waste A \$500 charge will be added to next utility bill. The City may also require installation of a water meter and/or water restrictor at the user's expense.
- Subsequent Water Waste The property is subject to a water service disconnection. Prior to reconnection, the City will require payment of all outstanding utility charges, fees, penalties, and surcharges in addition to a reconnection charge.

To learn more about water conservation, conservation tips, sustainable landscaping, or rebates go to: www.lodi.gov and click on "Learn more about water conservation" on the right side of the page.

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