



BOARD MEETING AGENDA SUBMITTAL

TO: GCSO Board of Directors

FROM: Peter J. Kampa, General Manager

DATE: August 9, 2022

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 6D: Adoption of a Resolution Enacting Stage 2 of the District's Water Shortage Contingency Plan Per the State Water Resources Control Board Requirements and Governor's Executive Order N-7-22

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff recommends the following action:

I move to adopt Resolution 35-2022 Enacting Stage 2 of the District's Water Shortage Contingency Plan Per the State Water Resources Control Board Requirements and Governor's Executive Order N-7-22.

BACKGROUND:

The District completed a Water Supply Demand Assessment (WSDA) report this year for the first time as required by the state. No water shortage conditions were calculated in the WSDA for GCSO's service area based on analysis of projected water supplies and demands for FY 2023. GCSO staff continuously monitor the amount of water supply available in the SFPUC system. So long as the surface water supply provided by the SFPUC continues to meet the water demand of the GCSO's customers without supply shortages, even in the current severe drought, there is no increased mandatory water conservation action required for water supply to equal water demand. However, this year the Governor's executive Order N-7-22 (attached) and the related State Water Board action (summary also attached) requires that the District adopt the level of water conservation measures necessary to achieve a 20% reduction in water use. Links to the WSDA and full Water Shortage Contingency Plan are provided below:

- [Water Shortage Contingency Plan](#)
- [Water Supply Demand Assessment](#)

Below is pasted the State 2 (Stage 2) section of the WSCP to be implemented as required by the state:

State 2 – Minor Shortage

During Stage 2 of a water supply shortage, there is between a 10 to 20 percent water supply shortage and a 10 percent or greater mandatory reduction in water usage is required for the GCSO to meet the immediate needs of its customers. Water alert conditions are declared, the water shortage situation is explained to the public, and consumers are asked for a 10 percent or greater mandatory water use reduction. In addition to Stage 1 conservation measures, the GCSO will implement the following conservation measures during State 2:

- Prohibit fire hydrant flow testing.
- Restaurants shall serve water only upon customer request.

- Hotels, motels, and lodges must offer guests the option of not having towels and linens laundered daily by displaying notices prominently in each guestroom.
- The GCSD will contact the highest water users to encourage use of water conservation methods.
- Watering of lawns, gardens, and other outdoor vegetation by use of irrigation systems, hoses, faucets or other outlets connected to the public water supply is limited to three days a week. Landscape watering may be restricted to outside of peak demand hours.
- The GCSD will evaluate its water use for main flushing to see if reductions are possible.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no direct fiscal impact by implementation of the Stage 2 measures. However, if customer water consumption is reduced by 20%, the District will see a commensurate reduction in water sales revenue, or up to a loss of \$200,000.00

ATTACHMENTS

1. [Water Shortage Contingency Plan Table 8-2](#)
2. [Water Supply Demand Assessment](#)
3. [Governor's Executive Order](#)
4. [State Water Board Water Conservation requirements](#)
5. Resolution 35-2022

RESOLUTION 35-2022

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GROVELAND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT ENACTING STAGE 2 OF WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN PER STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD REQUIREMENTS AND GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-7-22

WHEREAS, the Groveland Community Service District (GCSD) adopted its latest 2020 Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) on November 9, 2021, per California Water Code (CWC) and California Department of Water Resources (DWR) requirements; and

WHEREAS, the WSCP defines six "Stages" of water shortage response, from least to most severe, based on water supply conditions in GCSD's service areas and provides corresponding "Shortage Response Actions" (Actions); and

WHEREAS, on July 8, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom (Governor) expanded a drought emergency declaration to include most California counties, including Tuolumne County (County). As a result, GCSD enacted Stage 1 of its WSCP, which remains in effect and includes mostly voluntary actions aimed at encouraging District residents to increase their water conservation practices; and

WHEREAS, besides some early precipitation events in October and December 2021, drought conditions from 2021 continued into record-breaking dry months for early 2022, leading to additional impacts to vulnerable water supplies statewide. On March 28, 2022, the Governor issued Executive Order N-7-22 (Exec Order) continuing the drought emergency declaration and defining certain new requirements for water suppliers; and

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2022, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) adopted emergency regulations into the CWC as a result of the Exec Order requirements for water suppliers. Per §996(d) of these regulations, GCSD will need to implement Stage 2 of its WSCP, at a minimum, regardless of the water supply conditions in GCSD's service areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors (Board) of GROVELAND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT that WSCP Stage 2 "Alert Conditions" and corresponding Actions be enacted for GCSD's water service area, corresponding with a shortage level of ten to twenty percent as required by the Exec Order and SWRCB emergency regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board that GCSD staff continue its service area outreach and engagement efforts aimed at encouraging the public to use water wisely, and work with other in-County water suppliers to increase water use efficiency given the ongoing drought conditions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF GROVELAND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT this 9th day of August 2022 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

APPROVE:

Spencer Edwards, Board President

ATTEST:

Rachel Pearlman, Board Secretary

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I, Rachel Pearlman, the duly appointed and acting Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Groveland Community Services District, do hereby declare that the foregoing Resolution was duly passed and adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Groveland Community Services District, duly called and held on August 9, 2022.

DATED: _____