

RESOLUTION NO. 18-34

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
RIPON ORDERING MANDATORY WATER CONSERVATION
MEASURES

WHEREAS, the State of California is experiencing serious drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, Section 13.04.310 of the Ripon Municipal Code prohibits excess use and wasting of water; and

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2014 the Honorable Governor Jerry Brown proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist throughout the State of California due to severe drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, on April 1 2015, the Governor issued Executive Order B-29-15 that in part requires the Water Board to impose restriction to achieve a statewide 25% reduction in potable urban water usage compared to the water usage in 2013; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2015 the State Water Resources Control Board adopted Resolution No. 2015-0032 requiring urban water suppliers to implement mandatory water reductions which requires the City of Ripon to reduce water usage by 36% used in 2013; and

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2016 the City of Ripon passed Resolution No. 16-16 that instituted certain mandatory water conservation measures; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Ripon does hereby repeal Resolution No. 16-16 and institute the following mandatory water conservation measures which will remain in effect until such time as the aforementioned mandatory water conservation measures are lifted and the City Council adopts a resolution repealing this Resolution:

- Outdoor water use prohibited from 10 am to 6 pm;¹
- During the months of November through February, all properties within the City of Ripon with an even address are only allowed to water landscaping on Saturday;¹
- During the months of November through February, all properties within the City of Ripon with an odd address are only allowed to water landscaping on Sunday;¹

- During the months of March through October, all properties within the City of Ripon with an even address are only allowed to water landscaping on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday;¹
- During the months of March through October, all properties within the City of Ripon with an odd address are only allowed to water landscaping on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday;¹
- The use of water for washing vehicles, boats, recreational vehicles, or cleaning of building exteriors is only allowed during the same outdoor watering day/time restrictions previously described and with a use of an automated shut-off nozzle on the hose. Exceptions may be granted by the Public Works Director in writing for commercial and industrial water users to perform essential business operations;
- As of May 1, 2018 the use of water in fountains or other decorative water features is permitted;
- Draining and refilling of pools, spas, and ponds shall only be allowed for health, maintenance or structural considerations, after approval by the Public Works Director. Request for approval must be in writing to the Director;
- No irrigation of ornamental landscapes during and 48 hours following measurable rain fall;
- It is prohibited to use water to wash driveways, sidewalks, patios, parking lots, aprons and other exterior surfaces except for sanitation, public health and safety and fire protection purposes;
- No application of water to outdoor landscaping in a manner that causes excessive runoff; excessive water use is defined as “water that leaves the property of origin in a continuous flow of any dimension for 150 feet from the property, or for more than five minutes in duration.”
- All water leaks, breaks, malfunctions within a water users plumbing, distribution or irrigation system shall be repaired within 24 hours from the time it is discovered;
- Operators of hotels and motels must provide guests with the option of choosing not to have towels and linens laundered daily and prominently displayed notice of this option;
- Restaurants and food service establishments prohibited from serving water except upon request;
- All commercial, industrial, and institutional properties that use a water supply, or any portion of the water supply, from a source other than a water supplier, shall either (1) limit outdoor irrigation of ornamental landscapes or turf with potable water to no more than two days per week, or (2) reduce potable water usage by 25 percent as compared to the amount used in 2013;

- The irrigation with potable water of landscapes outside of newly constructed homes and buildings shall be in a manner consistent with regulations or other requirements established by the California Building Standards Commission and the Department of Housing and Community Development;

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that when the City of Ripon becomes aware of a violation of this resolution, a written notice shall be delivered to the property by first class mail. Upon repeated violations, a penalty will be assessed, as set forth in the Ripon Municipal Code Section 13.04.580, except that each violation shall result in penalties as set forth below:

- First violation within one year period \$50
- Second violation within a one year period \$100
- Third violation within a one year period \$200
- Any additional violation within a one year period \$400

1 Exceptions may be granted in writing by the Public Works Director for the purposes of establishing newly installed landscape areas or properties that require additional watering days due to the size of the area to be irrigated (e.g., schools, parks, etc.).

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Ripon this 10th day of April, 2018, by the following vote:

RESULT: ADOPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Leo Zuber, Vice Mayor

SECONDER: Daniel de Graaf, Council Member

AYES: Uecker, de Graaf, Parks, Zuber, Restuccia

**THE CITY OF RIPON,
A Municipal Corporation**

By: 
MICHAEL RESTUCCIA, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: 
LISA ROOS, City Clerk