

ELK GROVE WATER DISTRICT

Water Shortage Contingency Plan – Stages of Action

NORMAL WATER SUPPLY – No shortage exists. No extraordinary water conservation regulations exist.

The following practices that waste potable water are **prohibited**:

- **Runoff** – Irrigation shall not be allowed to run off to adjoining properties or to the roadside ditch or gutter.
- **Watering after a Rainfall Event** – No irrigation shall be allowed for 48 hours after a measurable rainfall event. A measurable rainfall event shall be defined as an event having 0.10 inches of rain in one day.
- **Hoses** – Open hoses are not permitted. Automatic shutoff nozzles are required.
- **Washing driveways and other paved areas** – Use of water to clean sidewalks, driveways, patios, or other hardscapes is not permitted. Washing of streets and commercial parking lots with a hose is not permitted, except to alleviate immediate fire or sanitation hazards.
- **Pools, ponds and fountains** – All swimming pools, ponds, fountains, or other decorative water feature shall use recirculated water.

PENALTIES FOR WATER WASTING

- **First violation** – Customer is notified of violation
- **Second violation** – Written warning sent to customer
- **Subsequent violation** – \$100 fine

In addition, the following practices are **encouraged**:

- **Irrigation** – Limit landscape irrigation to not more than 3 days a week
- **Irrigation hours** – Landscaping irrigation is discouraged between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. during the summer months (May – October).
- **Serving of Water** – Restaurants shall serve water to customers only upon request.
- **Water Leaks** – Leaking pipes, fixtures or sprinklers shall be repaired promptly.