



TO: SFPUC Wholesale Customers
 FROM: Steven R. Ritchie, Assistant General Manager, Water *Steven R. Ritchie*
 DATE: July 12, 2021
 RE: Governor Newsom’s July 8, 2021 Drought Executive Order

On April 15, 2021 the SFPUC sent out our Water Supply Availability Estimate for the 2021-22 Water Year. As stated in that memo, our goal was to maintain water use system-wide below 2019 levels. Since that time, Governor Newsom has issued two drought Executive Orders, the most recent of which was on July 8, 2021 (copy attached). The July 8 Executive Order did three things:

1. It expanded the emergency declarations to include San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties. (Alameda County was included in the first executive order.)
2. It called on all Californians to voluntarily reduce water use by 15 percent from their 2020 levels.
3. It tasked the State Water Board with tracking and reporting monthly on the State’s progress toward achieving a 15-percent reduction in statewide urban water use as compared to 2020 use.

With this memo, we are conveying that call for a voluntary 15 percent water use reduction to all of our customers, both Wholesale and Retail. Consistent with our approach to reductions in water availability under the Water Supply Agreement, we will measure our success by the reduction in Regional Water System-wide water use. Of course, all agencies will be reporting their water use to the State Water Board individually, but we will be tracking and reporting data to you and to our Commission on overall Regional Water System water use.

We know that achieving the reduction compared to 2020 demands will present unique challenges. As in the last drought, outdoor irrigation reductions and aggressive leak controls may present the best opportunities for water use reduction.

By separate letter we will be acting to waive the minimum purchase requirements for the Cities of Milpitas, Mountain View, and Sunnyvale, and Alameda County Water District consistent with Section 3.07 of the Water Supply Agreement.

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We appreciate all of our customers' commitments to water conservation. Increased reductions in water use will help ensure our ability to carryover water in our reservoirs to next year. This results in improved water supply reliability and reduces the risk of water shortages in the event that next year is also dry.

cc: Governor Gavin Newsom
SFPUC Commissioners
Michael Carlin, Acting General Manager, SFPUC
Nicole Sandkulla, CEO/General Manager, BAWSCA

Attachment: Governor Newsom July 8, 2021 Drought Executive Order