



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

May 11th, 2022

Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council
c/o City Clerk
Room 395, City Hall

Re: Implementation of Water Conservation Plan Ordinance - Phase III

Dear Honorable Councilmembers,

On May 10th, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power General Manager Martin L. Adams, in accordance with Section 121.07 of the City of Los Angeles' Emergency Water Conservation Plan Ordinance (Ordinance), recommended the implementation of Phase III of the Ordinance. In concert with the General Manager's recommendation, I have determined that Phase III should be implemented on or before June 1st, 2022.

It is clear that the state and region remains in a drought for a third consecutive year. From January to March 2022 was the driest start to a year ever recorded in California. Statewide snow packs are just 20% of normal to date as was a similar case early last year. Additionally, key reservoir levels throughout the state are still 70% below normal at this time of year. As of today, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association also predicts that almost all of California will remain in a moderate to severe state of drought with long range outlooks that predict continued drought conditions throughout this summer.

Furthermore, on April 28th, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) Board of Directors declared a water shortage on the State Water Project, noting MWD cannot meet normal demands in the State Water Project (SWP) dependent areas. As a result, a majority of the City will not have adequate supplemental supplies from MWD this year to help meet demands.

In response to the 2014 drought that Los Angeles was experiencing, I signed Executive Directive Number 5 (ED 5). ED 5 was the City's declaration to have Los Angeles reduce its need for imported water from the MWD and increase its local water sources.

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Angelenos proved they are leaders in conservation, achieving a 20% in the City's gallons per capita potable water use by 2017, from 133 to 106 gallons per capita. This has since crept back up to 111 GPCD in 2022, and we must do more.

Enclosed is a copy of the GM's recommendation. The current water supply conditions are serious, and we need to consciously conserve this precious resource and save every drop possible. I look forward to continuing to work with you to ensure that the City leads the way by meeting these water conservation levels and working towards a water resilient future as outlined in the City's Green New Deal Sustainability pLAn. Your swift concurrence with my determination will help us meet this water shortage challenge, as have done so in the last drought from 2014 to 2017. To that end, I recommend implementation of Phase III of the Emergency Plan as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or if further information is required, please contact Deputy Mayor of City Services Mary Hodge.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Garcetti", with a horizontal line extending to the right and a small mark at the end.

Eric Garcetti
MAYOR

Cc: Board of Water and Power Commissioners
Mr. Martin L. Adams, General Manager, LADWP
City Attorney
City Administrative Officer
Chief Legislative Analyst

Attachment

LADWP Recommendation for Implementation of Phase III, Emergency Water Conservation Plan Ordinance

May 10, 2022

The Honorable Eric Garcetti
Mayor of City of Los Angeles
Room 303, City Hall
STOP: 370

Dear Mayor Garcetti:

Subject: Emergency Water Conservation Plan Ordinance – UPDATED
Recommendation for Implementation of Phase III

In accordance with Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 121.07, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) is recommending for your consideration the implementation of Phase III water conservation restrictions contained in the City of Los Angeles' Emergency Water Conservation Plan Ordinance (Ordinance). To continue to prudently plan for water supply to our customers, LADWP is recommending the increase to Phase III effective no later than June 1, 2022. This will entail reducing outdoor irrigation to a maximum of two days per week.

This recommendation is in response to the record drought conditions and the recently adopted Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) Emergency Conservation Program. MWD cannot meet normal demands in the State Water Project (SWP) dependent areas of its service territory this year. As a result, a majority of the City will not have adequate supplemental supplies from MWD this year to help meet demands.

The historic low reservoir levels on the SWP system, continuing severe dry conditions for a third consecutive year in the Sierra Mountains, and MWD's limited capability to deliver stored supplies to SWP dependent areas will require additional reductions in customer demands to preserve limited supplies for the remainder of this calendar year and into 2023.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact me at (213) 367-1338, or have a member of your staff contact Mr. Anselmo G. Collins, Senior Assistant General Manager – Water System, at (213) 367-1022.

Sincerely,



Martin L. Adams
General Manager and Chief Engineer

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c: Mr. Anselmo G. Collins
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