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The State of California is currently experiencing historic and unprecedented drought conditions, such as record-low snowpack exacerbated by the decades-long global climate warming trend. Los Angeles is being seriously impacted by the drought.

On October 14, 2014, Mayor Eric Garcetti introduced his Executive Directive No. 5, which calls for a reduction in fresh water use by 20 percent by 2017 and a reduction in the Department of Water and Power's purchase of imported water by 50 percent by 2024. The Directive also calls on Angelenos to "voluntarily reduce their outdoor watering from three to two days," and further stating that, "If the above mandatory and voluntary actions do not reduce water consumption by 10% by July 1, 2015, by 15% by January 1, 2016, and by 20% by January 1, 2017, (compared to a July 1, 2014, baseline of 130 gallons per day), I will instruct the Board of Water and Power Commissioners to propose new mandatory water restrictions. These restrictions shall include limits on outdoor watering to two-day-a-week (or fewer if necessary)."


Governor Jerry Brown has also issued Executive Orders proclaiming a statewide drought emergency and requiring reductions in water usage. To support the Executive Order, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) has adopted emergency regulations specifying restrictions on outdoor watering and other wasteful uses of water.

Additionally, studies have shown residential swimming pools use the same amount of water as turf grass. Some water can be lost from pools due to evaporation, a problem which could be reduced by the use of pool covers.

The City's Emergency Water Conservation Plan ordinance does not currently include a provision for two-day-a-week watering and does not address the use of pool covers.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Water and Power be requested to amend the City's Emergency Water Conservation Plan ordinance to include a provision for two-day-a-week watering, any SWRCB requirements as necessary, and a recommendation for the use of residential swimming pool covers.

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