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### **CITY OF TRINIDAD ADOPTS WATER USE RESTRICTIONS**

The Trinidad City Council declared a drought emergency on May 13, passing a resolution restricting watering days as well as adopting other statewide water use restrictions. These water use restrictions apply to all Trinidad water customers, inside and outside of the City limits. The restrictions reflect Trinidad's efforts to comply with new statewide mandates affecting all water suppliers.

Outdoor watering of ornamental landscapes and turf with potable water is now limited to only two days a week - on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

In addition to Trinidad's two day a week watering, the resolution also imposes the mandatory statewide restrictions that are intended to reduce waste of potable (drinking) water. These restrictions include:

- no watering of landscapes in a manner that causes excess runoff;
- not letting the water run from a hose without using an automatic shutoff nozzle;
- no use of potable water to wash driveways and sidewalks;
- no use of potable water for a decorative fountain or other feature unless the water is recirculated;
- no application of potable water to outdoor landscapes during and within 48 hours after measurable rainfall; and
- restrictions on irrigation outside of newly constructed homes and buildings.

By declaring a drought emergency, the City is invoking a Water Rationing Ordinance that was adopted during the 1977 California drought. This allows the City to place restrictions on non-essential water use in order to address statewide or local drought conditions. Violations of the water use restrictions may be punishable by penalties of up to \$100 per violation.

The Statewide mandatory conservation measures are targeting a 25% reduction of water use throughout California. The statewide water use restrictions apply to all water end-users in California and have been imposed in response to the historic four year drought. Smaller water suppliers such as Trinidad are required to reduce overall water use by 25% or limit outdoor watering to two days a week. Over the past several years, the City has reduced water loss due to leaks, has improved water efficiency at the water treatment plant, as well as maintaining landscaping with drought tolerant plants and water efficient irrigation at Saunders Park and along Main Street.

Additional information about Trinidad's water restrictions are available at City Hall, on the City website at [www.trinidad.ca.gov](http://www.trinidad.ca.gov) or by calling the Trinidad City Manager at 707-677-3876, Grant Administrator Becky Price-Hall at 707-499-6454 [rpricehall@trinidad.ca.gov](mailto:rpricehall@trinidad.ca.gov), or contacting the City Clerk at 707-677-0223.

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