

**BOARD OF UTILITIES COMMISSIONERS**

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June 22, 2023

**Recommendation**

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Adopt Resolution UT-1481 rescinding the Stage 2 Water Supply Shortage and declaring a Level 1 Water Supply Shortage.

**Executive Summary**

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On May 12, 2022, the Long Beach Utilities Department (formerly Long Beach Water Department) adopted Resolution WD-1463 declaring a Stage 2 Water Supply Shortage in response to three consecutive years of drought and Governor Newsom's March 28, 2022 Executive Order N-7-22, which required urban water suppliers to implement shortage response actions to reduce water usage by 20 percent.

Record amounts of rain and snow this past winter and spring have resulted in improved water supply conditions, and, on March 24, 2023, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-5-23 to significantly ease, but not altogether lift, the previous drought emergency provisions.

In order to simultaneously recognize the improved water supply conditions while still acknowledging the importance of water efficiency as a way of life, staff recommends rescinding the Stage 2 Water Supply Shortage and declaring a Level 1 Water Supply Shortage (according to the updated Water Shortage Contingency Plan recommended for adoption at the June 22, 2023 Board meeting).

In addition to the inefficient uses of water which are prohibited at all times, the following uses of water would be prohibited under a Level 1 Water Supply Shortage:

1. Irrigating a residential or commercial landscape with potable water any day other than Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday, except for very short periods of time for the expressed purpose of adjusting or repairing the irrigation system.
2. Irrigating landscape with potable water for more than ten minutes per station or to the point of runoff, whichever occurs first.
3. Serving drinking water to any customer in a restaurant or other public place where food is served, sold, or offered for sale unless expressly requested by the customer.

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### **Fiscal Impact**

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Rescinding the Stage 2 Water Supply Shortage and a declaring a Level 1 Water Supply Shortage may lead to increased water consumption by customers resulting in additional water demands on Long Beach Utilities. Meeting these additional water demands has the potential to increase net revenues to the Water and Sewer funds but the exact increase in revenues is uncertain.



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Attachment

RESOLUTION NO. UT-1481

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LONG  
BEACH DECLARING A LEVEL 1 WATER SUPPLY  
SHORTAGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION NO.  
UT-1480 AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. WD-1463

WHEREAS, a reliable, minimum supply of quality potable water is essential  
to the welfare of the people and economy of the City of Long Beach ("City"); and

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2022, the City's Board of Water Commissioners  
adopted Resolution No. WD-1463 declaring a Stage 2 Water Supply Shortage in  
response to significant drought conditions as more particularly described in said  
Resolution; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2023, in response to record amounts of  
precipitation this winter and spring resulting in significantly improved water supply  
conditions in California, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-5-23 which  
significantly reduced previous drought-related water use restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Utilities Commissioners recently adopted an  
amended and restated Water Shortage Contingency Plan ("Plan") in order to amend the  
Plan to more closely adhere to recent legislation passed by the State of California  
("State"); and

WHEREAS, water conservation continues to be essential in order to meet  
the long-term water supply reliability goals of the City; and

WHEREAS, a declaration of a Level 1 Water Supply Shortage will ease  
certain water use restrictions on customers in recognition of recently-improved water  
supply conditions, while still stressing the need to efficiently use water as a way of life;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Public Utilities Commissioners of the

1 City of Long Beach resolves and declares as follows:

2 Section 1. That a Stage 2 Water Supply Shortage no longer exists and  
3 therefore Resolution No. WD-1463 is hereby rescinded.

4 Section 2. That a Level 1 Water Supply Shortage exists in accordance  
5 with Resolution UT-1480 and that the following uses of water, in addition to the inefficient  
6 uses of water which are prohibited at all times, shall be prohibited:

7 A. Irrigating a residential or commercial landscape with potable  
8 water any day other than Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday, except for very  
9 short periods of time for the express purpose of adjusting or repairing the  
10 irrigation system.

11 B. Irrigating landscape with potable water for more than ten (10)  
12 minutes per station or to the point of runoff, whichever occurs first.

13 C. Serving drinking water to any customer in a restaurant or  
14 other public place where food is served, sold, or offered for sale unless  
15 expressly requested by the customer.

16 Section 3. The Secretary of the Board of Public Utilities Commissioners  
17 shall certify to the passage of this Resolution, cause a notice of same to be published  
18 one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the City, and the provisions established  
19 by this Resolution shall take effect five (5) days after said publication.

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I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Board of Public Utilities Commissioners of the City of Long Beach at its meeting on June 22, 2023, by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners: \_\_\_\_\_

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Noes: Commissioners: \_\_\_\_\_

Absent: Commissioners: \_\_\_\_\_

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Secretary  
Board Of Public Utilities Commissioners