

RULE 163 - STAGE 3 WATER CONSERVATION

- A. Stage 3 Water Conservation is defined as the third stage in the District's Expanded Water Conservation and Standby Rationing Plan that takes action to maintain California American Water use in the MPWRS below regulatory constraints. It is triggered when the year-to-date at month-end production target for California American Water from the MPWRS is exceeded twice by the average of California American Water's year-to-date production from the MPWRS for each month during the October through March period or exceeded once by the average of California American Water's year-to-date production from the MPWRS for each month during the April through September period. It provides a procedure to enable emergency temporary increases in the upper block volume rates and requires increased action by California American Water to reduce Unaccounted For Water Use and monthly reporting of actions taken. Stage 3 Water Conservation may also be triggered upon Resolution of the Board of Directors when there is a need for an immediate water use reduction in response to an unexpected water production increase.

Upon implementation of Stage 3 Water Conservation, California American Water shall immediately submit a plan to the General Manager to reduce Unaccounted For Water Uses to seven (7) percent or less measured by the most recent twelve-month rolling average and shall immediately act on such plan. California American Water shall provide a progress report to the Board of Directors monthly until Stage 3 is sunset.

- B. Regulatory Trigger: Stage 3 Water Conservation shall be enforced when any of the following criteria has been met: 1) the average of California American Water's year-to-date production from the MPWRS for each month has exceeded the year-to-date at month-end production target for California American Water from the MPWRS as displayed in Table 1 for a second time during the period from October 1 through March 31 in any Water Year, or 2) the average of California American Water's year-to-date production from the MPWRS for each month has exceeded the year-to-date at month-end production target for California American Water from the MPWRS as displayed in Table 1 once during the period from April 1 through September 30 in any Water Year, or 3) a Resolution has been adopted by the Board in accord with Section C below.
- C. Emergency Trigger: Stage 3 Water Conservation shall be implemented upon Resolution of the Board of Directors when there is need for an immediate water use reduction requirement in response to an unexpected water production increase.
- D. Sunset of Stage 3 Water Conservation: Without further action by the Board of Directors, the provisions of Stage 3 Water Conservation shall be rescinded upon compliance with the year-to-date at month-end production goal for two consecutive months in the subsequent Water Year. Water Users of California American Water when that water system derives water from the MPWRS shall revert to Stage 1 Water Conservation.

Regulatory compliance during a period of Stage 4 Water Rationing shall not cause a sunset of this provision.

- E. Notice: California American Water shall provide notice of mandatory water conservation with each bill prepared for Water Users of the California American Water system.

- F. California American Water Emergency Use Rates: California American Water shall implement the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) approved emergency rate schedule to respond to Stage 3 water reduction requirements. California American Water shall file an Advice Letter with the CPUC to implement Emergency Use Rates, however, only after it has first met and conferred with the District at least five days in advance of that filing. The General Manager may waive this time period for good cause.

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