

**RULE 164 - STAGE 4 WATER RATIONING**

A. Stage 4 Water Rationing is defined as the fourth stage in the District's Expanded Water Conservation and Standby Rationing Plan that responds to a drought situation or emergency water supply shortage with a 15 percent reduction goal from system production limits for non-California American Water Users. Fifteen percent reductions in the California American Water system are achieved through Stage 3 Water Conservation.

B. Trigger

1. Water Supply Limitation Trigger

Stage 4 Water Rationing shall apply to all Water Users whose Source of Supply is derived from the MPWRS. Stage 4 Water Rationing shall become effective on June 1 or such earlier date as may be set by the Board following the District's May Board meeting if total usable storage in the MPWRS on May 1 is less than 27,807 Acre-Feet and greater than 21,802 Acre-Feet. If total usable storage is equal to or greater than 27,807 Acre-Feet on May 1, no water rationing shall be imposed.

2. Emergency Trigger

Stage 4 Water Rationing 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 supply shortage.

C. Requirements previously imposed by implementation of the Expanded Water Conservation and Standby Rationing Plan shall remain in force. Requirements may be modified or superseded by actions taken in this or future stages of the Expanded Water Conservation and Standby Rationing Plan.

D. The provisions of Stage 3 Water Conservation shall be implemented for all Water Users of the California American Water Distribution System, unless specifically exempt from Stage 4 Water Rationing by action of the Board of Directors.

E. Sunset of Stage 4 Water Rationing

1. Water Supply Availability

Stage 4 Water Rationing shall continue to have force and effect until rescinded by Resolution of the Board of Directors upon a determination that the total usable storage in the MPWRS is greater than 27,807 Acre-Feet. This determination will normally be made at the Board's May meeting. However, a determination to rescind Stage 4 Water Rationing as early as the following January Board meeting can be made if the total usable storage in the MPWRS is equal to or greater than 27,807 Acre-Feet on January 1.

2. In the event total usable storage is greater than 27,807 Acre-Feet, the General Manager shall review California American Water's year-to-date production. Upon compliance with the monthly year-to-date goals specified in Table 1 of Rule 162 and, unless otherwise specified in the Resolution rescinding Stage 4 Water Rationing, Water Users shall revert to Stage 1 Water Conservation. If California American Water's year-to-date production exceeds the year-to-date goal specified in Table 1 of Rule 162, California American Water Users shall revert to Stage 2 Water Conservation.

3. Emergency

Upon correction of a water supply limitation caused by an emergency, Stage 4 Water Rationing shall sunset without action by the Board.

F. Notice

1. Upon direction of the General Manager, all Water Distribution System Operators affected by Stage 4 Water Rationing shall notify Water Users of the system that reductions in water use are necessary and that stricter water rationing may be imminent. Water Distribution System Operators shall ensure that notices provided or required by the District shall be distributed to the system Water Users.

2. As appropriate, California American Water shall notify its Water Users that Excessive Use Rates will be imposed upon the effective date of Stage 4 Water Rationing.

3. The District shall contact all Water Users of private Wells not supplying water to a distribution system within the MPWRS. Contact shall be via first class mail and shall explain the restrictions placed on the use of private Wells during Stage 4 Water Rationing and shall provide and/or request additional information from the private Well Owner as deemed necessary for the efficient operation of the program.

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