

**RULE 167 - STAGE 7 WATER RATIONING**

A. Stage 7 Water Rationing is defined as the seventh 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 50 percent reduction goal from system production limits. Reductions are achieved by water use cutbacks by User Category and by per-capita water rations and a moratorium on Water Permits that utilize Water Credits.

B. Implementation

1. Water Supply Limitation Trigger

Stage 7 Water Rationing shall apply to all Water Users whose Source of Supply is derived from the MPWRS. Stage 7 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 9,610 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. Implementation shall also occur following urgency action by Resolution of the Board of Directors declaring that an emergency situation exists and immediate 50 percent reductions in water use from a distribution system's production limit are necessary to ensure public health, safety or welfare.

C. Sunset of Stage 7 Water Rationing

1. Water Supply Availability

Stage 7 Water Rationing shall continue to have force and effect until rescinded by Resolution of the Board of Directors upon a determination that the total usable storage in the MPWRS is greater than 9,610 Acre-Feet. This determination will normally be made at the Board's May meeting. However, a determination to rescind Stage 7 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 7 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.

D. Affected Water Users

Stage 7 Water Rationing shall apply to all Water Users within the Monterey Peninsula Water Resource System. As necessary to ensure adequate water supplies, the Board of Directors may act within its discretion to authorize activation of Stage 7 Water Rationing within one or more Water Distribution Systems in the District.

E. Requirements imposed by implementation of the Expanded Water Conservation and Standby Rationing Plan through Stage 6 Water Rationing 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.

F. Reduction Goal

Stage 7 Water Rationing achieves water use reductions of 50 percent of the California American Water and non-California American Water system production limits in each User Category as follows: Residential single-family and multi-family, Commercial/Industrial, Public Authority, Golf Course, "Other," Non-Revenue Metered Uses, and Reclaimed Water Users.

G. Notice

1. California American Water shall provide written notice of mandatory water rationing to every residence and to every Non-Residential business or Water User within the California American Water system via first-class mail at least thirty (30) days before the first day of rationing.

Further, California American Water shall send monthly reminders of water rationing in the water bill along with information showing the water ration and the quantity of the water ration consumed by the Responsible Party. Finally, California American Water shall provide each Responsible Party with a survey form upon request.

2. All Water Distribution System Operators affected by Stage 7 Water Rationing shall provide written notice of mandatory water rationing to every residence and to every Non-Residential business or Water User within the Water Distribution System via first-class mail at least thirty (30) days before the first day of rationing. Further, the distribution system Operator shall send monthly reminders of water rationing in the water bill along with information showing the water ration and the quantity of the water ration consumed by the Responsible Party. Finally, the Water Distribution System Operator shall provide each Responsible Party with a survey form at least once each calendar year. Water Distribution System Operators shall ensure that notices provided or required by the District shall be distributed to the system Water Users.

3. The District shall contact all Water Users of private Wells not supplying water to a distribution system within the MPWRS at least thirty (30) days before the first day of Stage 7 Water Rationing. Contact shall be via first class mail and shall explain the restrictions placed on the use of private Wells during Stage 7 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.

#### H. Rations by Category

Water rations shall be determined by User Category. Each Water User within the Monterey Peninsula Water Resource System shall be classified in one of the following groups: Residential single-family and multi-family, Commercial/Industrial, Public Authority, Golf Course, "Other," Non-Revenue Metered Use, and Reclaimed Water Users.

#### I. Reduced Annual California American Water Annual Production During Stage 7 Water Rationing

The California American Water annual production limit shall be reduced by 50 percent during Stage 7 Water Rationing. The resulting production limit shall be further reduced by a water rationing contingency determined by the Board. Seven (7) percent of the remainder shall be the maximum California American Water Unaccounted For Water Use ration. The remaining water shall be the California American Water annual production limit for all User Categories.

#### J. Non-California American Water Annual Production Limits During Stage 7 Water Rationing

Available production for other Water Distribution Systems subject to Stage 7 Water Rationing shall be determined using the same methodology as for California American Water without including a deduction for Unaccounted For Water Uses. The non-California American Water annual production limit for the Monterey Peninsula Water Resource System shall be used as the maximum production limit.

#### K. Establishing the Rations

Rations for each User Category shall be determined by the General Manager by dividing the reduced available production by the percentage of use and by taking into consideration Residential water needs to ensure health, safety and welfare. The percentage of use for each User Group shall be determined by the most recent unrationed reporting year (July 1 through June 30) data provided by California American Water for Water Users of the California American Water Distribution System that derives water from the MPWRS, and by data provided by the District from its annual Well reporting program for non-California American Water Distribution Systems.

All Water Users shall be rationed by User Category as outlined in Rule 165 (Stage 5 Water Rationing).

- L. The Board shall reconsider adopting restrictions on Non-Residential outdoor water use that may include any or all of the following not adopted during Stage 6 Water Rationing: Limit outdoor watering to one day per week, one day every other week, or prohibit outdoor irrigation with water from the affected water resource system(s); prohibit irrigation of non-turf areas with water from the affected water resource system(s); reduce Golf Course irrigation from the affected Water Distribution System(s) to a percentage of the amount required to water tees, greens and landing areas only. The use of Reclaimed Water, when available, shall not be restricted by this requirement.

- M. Elimination or Modification of Commercial/Industrial Variances for Best Management Practices

The General Manager shall be authorized to require a percentage reduction of all commercial/industrial Water Users granted a variance for complying with BMPs for the type of use. The amount of the percentage reduction shall be determined by the General Manager following review of the success of commercial/industrial rationing during Stage 6 Water Rationing prior to Stage 7 Water Rationing.

- N. Prohibition on the Use of Portable Water Meters and Hydrant Meters

Water Users utilizing portable water meters or hydrant meters shall be required to cease use of water from the affected water supply system(s). Each Water User reporting as "Other" by the distribution system shall be notified by the distribution system Operator of this requirement. Portable water meters shall be returned to the water company at least 30 days before the implementation of Stage 7 Water Rationing.

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