

RESOLUTION NO. 23-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIPON ORDERING MANDATORY WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES

WHEREAS, drought conditions have improved throughout State of California in 2023;
and

WHEREAS, Section 13.04.310 of the Ripon Municipal Code prohibits excess use and
wasting of water; and

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2021, May 10, 2021, July 8, 2021, and October 19, 2021
Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist throughout the State of
California due to extreme and expanding drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2022 the Governor issued Executive Order N-7-22 that in part
requires the State Water Resources Control Board to consider adopting emergency regulations in
an effort to conserve water throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, on May 24, 2022 the State Water Resources Control Board adopted
Resolution No. 2022-0018 requiring urban water suppliers to implement mandatory water
reductions which requires the City of Ripon to implement by June 10, 2022, at a minimum, all
demand reduction actions identified in the water shortage contingency plan for a shortage level
of twenty (20) percent; and

WHEREAS, on July 12, 2022 the City of Ripon passed Resolution No. 22-29 that
instituted certain mandatory water conservation measures, and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2023 the Governor issued Executive Order N-5-23 that
terminates portions of previously issued Executive Orders including among other items the
demand reduction actions identified in the water shortage contingency plan for a shortage level
of twenty (20) percent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Ripon does hereby repeal
Resolution No. 22-29 and institute the following mandatory water conservation measures which
will remain in effect until such time as the aforementioned mandatory water conservation
measures are lifted and the City Council repeals this Resolution:

- Outdoor water use prohibited from 10 am to 6 pm;¹
- During the months of November through February, all properties within the City
of Ripon with an even address are only allowed to water landscaping on
Saturday;¹

- During the months of November through February, all properties within the City of Ripon with an odd address are only allowed to water landscaping on Sunday; ¹
- During the months of March through October, all properties within the City of Ripon with an even address are only allowed to water landscaping on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday; ¹
- During the months of March through October, all properties within the City of Ripon with an odd address are only allowed to water landscaping on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday; ¹
- The use of water for washing vehicles, boats, recreational vehicles, or cleaning of building exteriors is only allowed during the same outdoor watering day/time restrictions previously described and with the use of an automated shut-off nozzle on the hose;
- No irrigation of ornamental landscapes during and 48 hours following measurable rain fall;
- It is prohibited to use water to wash driveways, sidewalks, patios, parking lots, aprons and other exterior surfaces except for sanitation, public health and safety and fire protection purposes;
- No application of water to outdoor landscaping in a manner that causes excessive runoff; excessive water use is defined as “water that leaves the property of origin in a continuous flow of any dimension for 150 feet from the property, or for more than five minutes in duration.”
- All water leaks, breaks, malfunctions within a water users plumbing, distribution or irrigation system shall be repaired within 48 hours from the time it is discovered or the City notifies the customer or resident;
- Operators of hotels and motels must provide guests with the option of choosing not to have towels and linens laundered daily and prominently displayed notice of this option;
- Restaurants and food service establishments are prohibited from serving water except upon request;
- The use of potable water for construction and dust control is prohibited;
- The use of potable water is prohibited for the irrigation of non-functional turf² at commercial, industrial, and institutional³ sites. The use of potable water is not prohibited to the extent necessary to ensure the health of trees and other perennial non-turf plantings or to the extent necessary to address an immediate health and safety need;

- The irrigation with potable water of landscapes outside of newly constructed homes and buildings shall be in a manner consistent with regulations or other requirements established by the California Building Standards Commission and the Department of Housing and Community Development.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that violation of the requirements of this Resolution constitutes wasting and excessive use of water within the meaning of Ripon Municipal Code Section 13.04.310.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that when the City of Ripon becomes aware of a violation of this resolution, a written notice shall be delivered to the property by first class mail. Upon repeated violations, a penalty will be assessed, as set forth in the Ripon Municipal Code Section 13.04.580, except that each violation shall result in penalties as set forth below:

- First violation within one year period \$50
- Second violation within a one-year period \$100
- Third violation within a one-year period \$200
- Any additional violation within a one-year period \$400

1 Exceptions may be granted in writing by the Public Works Director for the purposes of establishing newly installed landscape areas, edible crops for personal consumption using a drip system, or properties that require additional watering days due to the size of the area to be irrigated (e.g., schools, parks, etc.).

2 “Non-functional turf” means turf that is solely ornamental and not regularly used for human recreational purposes or for civic or community events. Non-functional turf does not include sports fields and turf that is regularly used for human recreational purposes or for civic community events.

3 “Commercial, industrial and institutional” refers to commercial water users, industrial water users, and institutional water users⁴ and includes homeowners’ associations, common interest developments, community service organizations, and other similar entities but does not include the residences of these entities’ members or separate interests.

4 “Institutional water user” means a water user dedicated to public service. This type of user includes, among other users, higher education institutions, schools, courts, churches, hospitals, government facilities, and nonprofit research institutions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Ripon this 11th day of April, 2023, by the following vote:

RESULT: **ADOPTED [4 TO 0]**
MOVER: Gary Barton, Council Member
SECONDER: Leo Zuber, Vice Mayor
AYES: Michael Restuccia, Leo Zuber, Gary Barton, Dean Uecker
AWAY: Daniel de Graaf

THE CITY OF RIPON,
A Municipal Corporation

By 
MICHAEL RESTUCCIA, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: 
LISA ROOS, City Clerk