

Drought Response Watering Restriction for Firm Water Customers

**Water Operations Committee Meeting
Jan. 23, 2024**



Drought Response: Watering Restriction

- **Due to prolonged severe drought conditions, staff recommends a change to the current Drought Contingency Plan for Firm Water Customers**
- **Would require firm water customers to implement a maximum once-per-week watering schedule this spring if combined storage remains below 900,000 acre-feet**
- **Reducing outdoor water use provides the greatest benefit to managing combined storage**

Benefits of Moving to Maximum Once-Per-Week Watering Schedule

- **Going from watering twice per week to watering once per week reduces annual water use by about 7-12%**
- **Savings are higher in the summer when outdoor watering is most prevalent**

Watering Restriction Schedule

- **February 2024**
 - LCRA Board takes action to impose a maximum once-per-week watering schedule
 - If drought persists, staff provides Board update on pro rata curtailment process



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