

Planning for Potential Pro Rata Curtailment

Water Operations Committee Meeting

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Pro Rata Curtailment Process

- Follows pro rata curtailment plan rules adopted in October 2015
- Define reference year water use for curtailment:
 - June 2022-May 2023
- LCRA sends default pro rata plans to customers at least six months before possibly entering Stage 3 of current Drought Contingency Plan (declaration of “Drought Worse than a Drought of Record”)
- Customers review plans and can request modifications by May
- LCRA notifies customers if modification requests are approved
- Plans to be finalized by early summer

Pro Rata Curtailment Plan Elements

- **Baseline use:**
 - Monthly water use during reference year provided by LCRA
- **Modified baseline:**
 - Monthly water use increased for conservation/reuse, growth or outage
- **Customer annual allotment:**
 - 20% reduction of baseline amount
- **Customers:**
 - Can request a variance for emergency conditions
 - Are required to identify a drought coordinator
 - Are required to identify specific drought response measures they will take to reduce water use
- **LCRA can assess surcharges up to 10 times the firm water rate for excess use**

Modification to the Baseline Example

Customer A:

Baseline amount		90 acre-feet
20% reduction to baseline amount	–	18 acre-feet
Annual allotment	=	72 acre-feet

Customer B:

Baseline amount		90 acre-feet
Acre-feet conservation savings	+	10 acre-feet
	=	100 acre-feet
20% reduction to modified baseline amount of 100 acre-feet	–	20 acre-feet
Annual allotment	=	80 acre-feet

Pro Rata Plan Development Schedule

- **Late 2023-early 2024 – Staff determined customer baseline allotments**
- **April 1 – LCRA sends allotments to customers if six-month outlook unchanged**
- **May 1 – Customers submit requests to modify their allotments**
- **June 1 – LCRA notifies customers of decision on modification requests**
- **July 1 – Customers submit final signed curtailment plans**
- **Fall 2024 – Earliest LCRA Board could consider Drought Worse than Drought of Record, which would trigger pro rata mandatory curtailment**

An aerial photograph of a lush green landscape featuring a winding river, several large wetland ponds, and a golf course in the distance. The sky is clear with a few clouds. Overlaid on the center of the image is the LCRA logo, which consists of the letters 'LCRA' in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The letter 'L' has a small wavy symbol at its base. Below the letters, the text 'ENERGY • WATER • COMMUNITY SERVICES' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

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