

STAFF REPORT

To: Board of Directors
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Informational Report: Emergency Drought Regulations Update

The State Water Resources Control Board voted on February 8, 2017 to follow staff's recommendation and extend (re-adopt) the emergency drought regulations for an additional 270 days. The Governor's emergency drought declaration (Proclamation No. 1-17-2014) also remains in effect. The drought is over for a majority of the state but the state-wide water shortage remains. In particular, groundwater overdraft, unpredictable weather and water conveyance infrastructure deficiencies were noted in the discussion to extend the regulations.



Coastside County Water District's existing water supply self-certification with the State Board will remain in effect and the zero conservation standard will continue to be applied to the District. As mentioned in the General Manager's staff report, SFPUC does not anticipate the need to request demand reductions from its wholesale customers and with normal local precipitation, there should be sufficient local water supplies available to the District in the current water year.

With SFPUC no longer requesting reductions and with a zero conservation standard from the state, District staff shall consider the following actions:

- Consider updating the drought fact sheet and website
- Consider either going to a Stage 1 – Water Shortage Advisory in our Water Shortage Contingency Plan
- Consider updating Ordinance No. 2008-01 Prohibitions on Water Waste
- Consider canceling or updating Ordinance No. 2016-01: An ordinance amending mandatory water use restrictions and prohibitions under Stage 2 Water Shortage Emergency Warning of the District's Water Shortage Contingency Plan

The above listed actions and their impacts will have to be considered carefully, since the emergency drought proclamation and the emergency drought regulations remain in effect.