

# Water Conservation Plan (Plan)

## I PROHIBITED PRACTICES

The following uses of water supplied by the City of Martinez have been determined to be wasteful and are prohibited at any time:

- a. failing to repair a leak in a customer's water system;
- b. permitting excess water run-off; watering outdoor landscapes in a manner that causes runoff;
- c. watering outdoor landscapes during or within 48 hours after measurable precipitation;
- d. watering of outdoor landscapes between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.;
- e. washing vehicles with hoses not equipped with a shutoff valve;
- f. washing sidewalks, driveways, and other hard surfaces (except as required for health and safety);
- g. using potable water in non-recirculating fountains or decorative water features;
- h. irrigating ornamental turf on public street medians with potable water;
- i. irrigating landscapes of newly constructed homes/buildings in a manner inconsistent with state regulations; and
- j. otherwise failing to put water received from the City to reasonable and beneficial use.

## II CITY INCENTIVES

In accordance California Governor Executive Order B-29-15 the City shall:

### **Mandatory**

- a. In coordination with the Department of Water Resources and Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) the City shall provide incentives for customers to convert lawns and ornamental turf to drought tolerant landscapes.
- b. In coordination with the California Energy Commission, jointly with the California Department of Water Resources and the Water Board and CCWD provide appliance rebate programs for the replacement of inefficient household devices.

### **Current/Optional Programs**

- a. Coupons for mulch for use in landscaping and for local car washes using recycled water
- b. Free conservation site surveys
- c. Outreach programs, workshops, and educational materials.
- d. Rebates for water efficient fixtures and landscape conversions
- e. Recycled water fill stations offered free of charge by local sanitary districts

## III VIOLATIONS

Remedies for the prevention of water waste shall be in accordance with Chapter 7 of the Regulations Governing Water Service (Regulations). In addition to the remedies in the Regulations, and in order to enforce the water use prohibitions, the City has the discretionary ability to impose fines for the wasteful use of City treated water as follows:

- a. First offence: At the City's discretion the City will issue a Warning Notice and at the City's option fines up to \$250 for each offence.
- b. Second offence: At the City's discretion the City will issue a Warning Notice and at the City's option fines up to \$500 for each offence.
- c. Subsequent offences: At the City's discretion the suspension of service under existing City of Martinez Regulations Governing Water Service Chapter 7, Section 7.6, Prevention of Waste.
- d. Fines may be appealed to the City Manager of the City of Martinez.

If a customer fails to take action to stop wasteful use, the City may suspend delivery of water or install a device to restrict the flow of water to the customer, or terminate service until the City determines that there will be no further waste. All applicable fees for the installation or removal of a water restricting device or for disconnection or reconnection of service shall be borne by the customer.

#### **IV EXCEPTIONS**

Under extraordinary circumstances such as for medical purposes the City of Martinez Water Superintendent may wave all or portions of this Plan for customers on a case-by-case basis.