



NOTICE OF ORDINANCE 14-01 ADOPTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of Soquel Creek Water District voted on June 17, 2014 to adopt the following Ordinance:

Ordinance 14-01 Prohibiting Certain Uses of Water and Establishing a Policy to Minimize Water Waste

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE AND REQUIREMENTS

The Ordinance prohibits general and specific wasteful uses of potable water within the Soquel Creek Water District. The Ordinance replaces existing Ordinance No. 10-03 adopted by the Board on December 8, 2010. Changes were needed to address previously unregulated areas, allow customers a greater amount of time to correct leaks, and enhance the enforcement protocol by shortening and clarifying the violation process.

A summary of the Ordinance is provided below. Note that the information provided in this notice is ONLY a summary and does NOT represent all provisions of the Ordinance.

Water Waste Prohibition Ordinance

The Ordinance is in effect year round and applies to all persons, corporations, public or private entities, governmental agencies or institutions, or any other users of water within the District's system.

The Ordinance specifically prohibits the following uses of water:

- Indiscriminate running of water or washing with water which is wasteful and without purpose.
- Washing hard or paved surfaces (e.g., sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking areas, tennis courts, patios, etc.) except when necessary to alleviate safety or sanitary hazards or when a broom or other waterless method will not suffice. If necessary, washing may only be done with a bucket, a hose equipped with a positive shut-off nozzle, a pressure washer, a low-volume, high-pressure water efficient water broom, or a cleaning machine equipped to recycle the water used.
- Washing structures (e.g., building exteriors, etc.) and vehicles (e.g., cars, boats, recreational vehicles, etc.) unless a positive shut-off nozzle on the hose or a pressure washer is used.

- Watering/irrigating in a manner which allows water to run off the area being watered.
- Using overhead spray irrigation between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.
- Watering/irrigating at any time while it is raining.
- Watering/irrigating during a publicly declared curtailment period in a manner that is not compliant with drought restrictions.
- Allowing water loss through leaks, breaks, or malfunctions within the water user's plumbing or distribution system for any substantial period of time within which such break or leak should have reasonably been discovered and corrected. It is presumed that a period of 72 hours is a reasonable period of time within which to correct a leak. (Based on the estimated severity of the leak, District staff reserves the right to shut off water service until the leak has been corrected.)
- Operating any ornamental fountain or automated carwash unless the water is re-circulated.
- Operating cooling equipment that utilizes a single pass cooling system and does not re-circulate the water.
- Serving drinking water in eating or drinking establishments unless expressly requested by customers. Affected establishments must prominently display notice informing their customers of this requirement.
- Automatically laundering towels and linens in commercial lodging establishments without notifying customers (via prominent display notices within each bathroom) of the option to forego daily laundering.

Noncompliance

Enforcement of the Ordinance is a two-step process. For the first violation, the District will issue a written notice including the time, place, general description of the violation, and a time frame in which the violation must be corrected. District staff may use discretion when determining the correction time, which may range from immediate correction for violations such as allowing irrigation runoff, watering outside of allowable irrigation times, etc., to up to 72 hours for correcting plumbing leaks. If the first violation is not corrected within the time frame specified by staff, the District may issue a second written notice. If the second violation is not corrected within 48 hours, the District may impose any or all of the following penalties:

1. Water service may be disconnected or flow restricted until the violation is corrected and the customer has provided payment for the reestablishment of service charge per the District's Schedule of Rates & Charges in effect at the time.
2. A fine of not more than \$600 or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 30 days, or both the fine and imprisonment (upon conviction) as allowed under Section 31029 of the California Water Code, or fines/penalties as defined and allowable under Section 53069.4 of the Government Code.

Repeat violations of the same type and location within 12 months of the first or second violation will be considered cumulative violations.

Summary of Board Votes

All five Directors voted in favor of adopting the Ordinances: Director Thomas LaHue (President), Director Bruce Daniels (Vice President), Director Bruce Jaffe, Director Don Hoernschemeyer, and Director Rick Meyer. There were no votes against adoption of the Ordinance. The Ordinance became effective on June 18, 2014.

Other Information

The adopted Ordinance is available at the Soquel Creek Water District Office at 5180 Soquel Drive, Soquel, CA. It is also available on the District's Web site at www.soquelcreekwater.org.