



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Date: June 14, 2022
To: State Water Project Dependent Area Coordination Group (via e-mail)
From: Brad Coffey, Manager, Water Resource Management Group
Subject: Modification of the Emergency Water Conservation Program Handbook to extend the deadline to modify watering limit duration

On May 25, 2022, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California issued the Emergency Water Conservation Program Handbook (version 1). In the handbook, Section 3.1.1 (Eligible Outdoor Water Restriction Criteria) states, in part:

*Metropolitan does not specify the day of the week or any method of even/odd house numbering for the watering restrictions. Metropolitan does, however, require that Member Agencies limit watering times to prevent substitution of water use from restricted days to permitted days. For this purpose, watering duration will be limited to no more than 10 minutes, **effective July 1**. In addition, it is advisable that the Member Agency also adopt a mechanism before September to enforce the banning of all outdoor watering in the event the General Manager later determines that such a ban is necessary to preserve SWP supplies. [emphasis added]*

Prior to distribution of the handbook, some Path 1 agencies established watering durations of 15 minutes. Accordingly, Metropolitan is changing the **July 1** date above to **September 1** to allow sufficient time for the agencies to return to their governing bodies to further reduce the watering duration to be consistent with the handbook.

Note, however, that Path 1 agencies who did not specify a watering duration of 15 minutes or less are not compliant with the handbook. This is because outdoor watering could be fully substituted from restricted days to newly permitted days.

If you have any questions regarding this change, please contact me at (213) 217-5845 or bcoffey@mwdh2o.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brad Coffey".

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