



CONTINGENCY DROUGHT WATER RATE WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY MEETING AGENDA

**February 16, 2023
4:00 PM**

The Mission of the City of Coalinga is to provide for the preservation of the community character by delivering quality, responsive City services, in an efficient and cost-effective manner, and to develop, encourage, and promote a diversified economic base in order to ensure the future financial stability of the City for its citizens.

Notice is hereby given that the City Council will hold a Contingency Drought Water Rate Workshop, on February 16, 2023, in the City Council Chambers located at 155 West Durian, Coalinga, CA. Persons with disabilities who may need assistance should contact the City Clerk at least 24 hours prior to this meeting at 935-1533 x113. Anyone interested in translation services should contact the City Clerk at least 24 hours prior to the meeting at 935-1533 x113. The Workshop will begin at 4:00 p.m. and the agenda will be as follows:

1. CALL TO ORDER

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Changes to the Agenda
3. Council's Approval of Agenda

2. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS (NONE)

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

This section of the agenda allows members of the public to address the City Council on any item within the jurisdiction of the Council. Members of the public, when recognized by the Mayor, should come forward to the lectern, identify themselves and use the microphone. Comments are normally limited to three (3) minutes. In accordance with State Open Meeting Laws, no action will be taken by the City Council this evening and all items will be referred to staff for follow up and a report.

Citizen Comments submitted in writing to the City Clerk by 5:00pm on the day of the City Council meeting shall be distributed to the City Council and included in the record, however they will not be read.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS (NONE)

5. CONSENT CALENDAR (NONE)

6. ORDINANCE PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

1. Water Workshop Discussion

Sean Brewer, Assistant City Manager

2. Discussion, Direction and Potential Action related to the 2022/2023 Water Year and Water Conservation Efforts including Revisiting the Current Water Restrictions

Sean Brewer, Assistant City Manager

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. City Manager's Announcements
2. Councilmembers' Announcements/Reports
3. Mayor's Announcements

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

9. CLOSED SESSION (NONE)

10. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Closed Session: A "Closed" or "Executive" Session of the City Council, Successor Agency, or Public Finance Authority may be held as required for items as follows: personnel matters; labor negotiations; security matters; providing instructions to real property negotiators; legal counsel regarding pending litigation; and protection of records exempt from public disclosure. Closed session will be held in the Administration Building at 155 W. Durian Avenue and any announcements or discussion will be held at the same location following Closed Session.

11. ADJOURNMENT

**STAFF REPORT - CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/PUBLIC FINANCE
AUTHORITY**

Subject: Water Workshop Discussion
Meeting Date: Thursday, February 16, 2023
From: Marissa Trejo, City Manager
Prepared by: Sean Brewer, Assistant City Manager

I. RECOMMENDATION:

This is a workshop format. An agenda is listed in the discussion portion of the report.

II. BACKGROUND:

III. DISCUSSION:

Agenda:

- * Overview of water system (Plant, Transmission Lines, Tanks)
- * Top five critical projects, starting with Derrick Tank
- * Overview of assigned staff (Plant vs Distribution)
- * USBR Purchase Agreement and history
- * Water Enterprise financial history (Rev/Exp/Bonds/cash)
- * Customer makeup (Prisons, Oil, Com, Res)
- * Tiered vs regular rates (Pros/Cons/Legality)
- * Drought rates
- * Discussion on Banking and Purchasing Water

IV. ALTERNATIVES:

V. FISCAL IMPACT:

ATTACHMENTS:

File Name	Description
No Attachments Available	

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Meeting Date: Thursday, February 16, 2023
From: Marissa Trejo, City Manager
Prepared by: Sean Brewer, Assistant City Manager

I. RECOMMENDATION:

Staff does not have any recommendations at this time as this is an update related to the water situation. This items allows the Council to consider and discuss current watering restrictions and adjust as they deem necessary as this given time. Additionally, Councilman Ramirez requested a future agenda item to discuss current water restrictions.

II. BACKGROUND:

The City of Coalinga is entering its final few months of the 22/23 water year where we are tracking to land right at the target amount of 3,677 AF of water which includes the 600 AF of water the City purchased in October. Staff is currently working with DWR on the grant agreement for the \$1.2 Million grant to cover the cost of the 600 AF water purchase. In addition, staff has met with DWR on two other occasions to discussion future courses of action to create a more sustainable surface water supply in drought years. These discussions have been extremely productive and staff will continue to update the Council as these meetings progress.

Currently the City has the following water restrictions in place (Per Resolution No. 4108 as amended):

Water Conservation Emergency Restrictions

- Residential (including rural residential) Watering – No watering of turf/grass in the front yard. Trees and shrubs may be watered enough to keep them alive.
- All other residential landscaping shall be held to ONE DAY PER WEEK (MONDAYS) watering schedule.

Commercial/Industrial/Institutional Watering

No watering on non-functional turf is permitted (per Governor's Executive Order). All other ONE day per week (MONDAYS).

- No restaurants or other public place which serves food shall serve drinking water to any customer unless expressly requested by the customer.
- Hand-held hose washing is strictly prohibited for sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking areas, patios, porches and verandas. However, hand-held hoses may be used at anytime so long as there is a shut off nozzle (ie. watering trees in front yard).
- Decorative fountains must recirculate water.

Penalties

Warning, \$100, \$500, \$1,000

III. DISCUSSION:

At this time staff has only received one letter from USBR, in November, regarding the 23/24 water year. They are once again preparing for the continuation of drought conditions. Although the 2022 water year was for the most part wetter than the previous two years, the period 2020-2022 was the worst three-year drought period on record; and both Federal and State water storage reservoirs will starting the 2023 Water Year near historic lows.

Since this letter was issued California has seen a good amount of rainfall however, we need to see this trend continue though the beginning of 2023 and into spring. Since we are still in the 22/23 water year which ends February 28, 2023, staff is not recommending any changes to the current water restrictions that are in place (as mentioned above) and plans to continue updating the City Council at each meeting on the water situation, status of grant applications, discussions with DWR and as things change/evolve provide information that will assist in the decision making process as we move into the 23/24 water year.

IV. ALTERNATIVES:

- None at this time staff does not have any recommendations in this report.
- Council may choose to discuss and/or change the current water restrictions.

V. FISCAL IMPACT:

None at this time.

ATTACHMENTS:

File Name	Description
 RESO#4108_Continuing_Water_Conservation_Emergency__Updating_Water_Shortgage_Regs__Auth_Purchase_of_Water_080422_.pdf	Resolution No. 4108 - Water Conservation Measures

RESOLUTION NO. 4108

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COALINGA CONTINUING THE
PROCLAIMED WATER CONSERVATION EMERGENCY, UPDATING ITS WATER SHORTAGE
REGULATIONS, AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF WATER DUE TO EXEPECTED
SHORTFALL**

WHEREAS, California is in a second consecutive year of dry conditions, resulting in drought conditions throughout most of the State, worse than the drought of 2015; and

WHEREAS, warm temperatures and dry soils in Spring 2021 depleted the expected runoff from the Sierra-Cascade snowpack greater than previously projected low volumes; and

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2021, the governor issued a proclamation of a State of Emergency regarding extreme drought conditions in California; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coalinga is solely dependent on surface water provided through the Central Valley Project under the City's contract with the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR); and

WHEREAS, USBR notified the City on May 18, 2022, that the City must decrease its water usage to Public Health and Safety (PHS) needs only, effective April 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City's water requirements exceed the PHS-calculated volume and therefore the City must demonstrate extraordinary water conservation to receive additional water above the PHS volume, pursuant to USBR's Municipal and Industrial Water Shortage Policy; and

WHEREAS, On July 1, 2021 the City Council proclaimed a Water Conservation Emergency is hereby proclaimed for the City of Coalinga until the City at a future date determines the water emergency is over; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that extreme conservation must continue through the 2022/2023 water year; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Coalinga as follows:

1. The Water Conservation Emergency Proclamation is hereby continued for the City of Coalinga until the Council removes such proclamation by subsequent resolution; and,
2. The City shall impose additional water restrictions and penalties beyond those provided in Section 6-4C.07 of the City's Municipal Code (Exhibit A).
3. The City Council Authorizes staff to purchase water on behalf of the City for its expected shortfall at a cost not to exceed \$2,500 an acre foot.

The foregoing resolution was approved and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Coalinga held on the 4th day of August 2022, by the following vote:

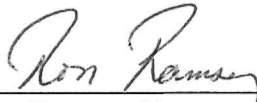
AYES: Ramirez, Singleton, Horn, Adkisson

NOES: Ramsey

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

APPROVED:



Ron Ramsey, Mayor

ATTEST:



Shannon Jensen, City Clerk

EXHIBIT A
City of Coalinga Water Conservation Emergency Restrictions
Effective August 4, 2022 (Until Repealed by Resolution)

As of August 4, 2022, the City Council of Coalinga has extended its Water Conservation Emergency Proclamation for all Coalinga water customers. The following water restrictions are mandatory because of extreme, drought-related water shortages from the United States Bureau of Reclamation and possible consequences of exceeding its allocated allotment.

Water Conservation Emergency Restrictions

- Residential (including rural residential) Watering – No watering of turf/grass in the front yard. Trees and shrubs may be watered enough to keep them alive.
 - All other residential landscaping shall be held to the following ONE DAY PER WEEK watering schedule:
 - No water customer shall sprinkle, water, or irrigate any shrubbery, trees, lawns, grass, groundcovers, plants, vines, gardens, vegetables, flowers, or any other landscaped or vegetated areas on between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.
 - ODD Address – may water on TUESDAYS
 - EVEN Address – may water on THURSDAYS
- Commercial/Industrial/Institutional Watering
 - No watering on non-functional turf is permitted (per Governor's Executive Order)
 - All other watering shall ONLY occur on Wednesdays.
 - No water customer shall sprinkle, water, or irrigate any shrubbery, trees, groundcovers, plants, vines, gardens, vegetables, flowers, or any other landscaped or vegetated areas on between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.
 - 30% reduction in water use is encouraged.

Additional Restrictions

- No restaurants or other public place which serves food shall serve drinking water to any customer unless expressly requested by the customer.
- Hand-held hose washing is strictly prohibited for sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking areas, patios, porches and verandas.
- Decorative fountains must recirculate water.

Penalties

- No water customer of the City shall knowingly use, or permit the use of, water in a manner contrary to any provisions of this chapter, or in an amount in excess of that use permitted by the provisions of this chapter.

- Unless otherwise provided, any water customer violating any restriction shall be guilty of an infraction, and each day or portion thereof such violation is in existence shall be a new and separate offense.
 - Any water customer determined to be guilty of a violation shall receive a verbal notice followed up with a written notice.
 - Any water customer determined to be guilty of a second violation shall be issued an infraction, punishable by a fine of not more than one hundred (\$100.00).
 - For a third violation, during any period of declared water conservation emergency, an infraction, punishable by a fine not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).
 - For a fourth violation, during any period of declared water conservation emergency, an infraction, punishable by a fine not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), and placement of a flow restrictor. In addition, the City may discontinue water services.
- In addition to the above remedies, the City Manager, or his or her designee, is empowered to enforce any or all of the following penalties:
 - Place a flow restricting device upon the water service;
 - Lock off of a water meter;
 - Remove a water meter;
 - Shut off the service connection.
- All costs or expenses incurred by the City for enforcement of this section shall be borne by the water customer. No water service shall be limited or discontinued until the City Manager or his or her designee provides a written notice of intent to so limit or discontinue such service and the reasons for such decision, and further, provides such water customer notice of the right to request an administrative review and hearing pursuant to the procedures set forth in Section 6-4.26 of the Municipal Code, except that any reference to "citation" in that section shall instead be deemed a reference to a "notice of intent" as described in this section. A written notice of intent shall be provided either by first class mail, by personal service on the water customer, or by posting said notice in a conspicuous place on the property wherein the violation occurred. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, there shall be no right to further administrative review or appeal.