

**Exhibit “A”**  
**POLICY FOR ADDRESSING MISCELLANEOUS WATER USES AND PRACTICES DURING THE**  
**DROUGHT**

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**Policy Statement:**

The District may allow certain water uses and practices to safeguard public health and safety, protect the environment and maintain the quality of life for the community to the greatest extent possible, provided these uses and practices demonstrate efficient water use and achieve water use reductions that are responsive to the current drought.

The special provisions described in this table shall apply during activation of Stage 3 – Water Shortage Emergency of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan with a 50 percent reduction in outdoor potable water budgets, one-day-a-week watering for residential accounts, and a 25 percent reduction in outdoor water recycled water budgets:

<b><u>Description of Water Use or Activity:</u></b>	<b><u>Special Provision(s)*:</u></b>
<b>Non-Irrigation Activities</b>	
Maintenance of solar panels	Allow cleaning up to once every six months using a hose with an automatic shut-off nozzle, but water cannot run off from property and usage must stay within water budget to avoid penalties.
Maintenance of tennis courts	Allow as needed using a water-efficient waterbroom, but water cannot run off from property and usage must stay within water budget to avoid penalties.
Maintenance of horse corrals	Allow as needed, but water cannot run off from property and usage must stay within water budget to avoid penalties.
Washing of animals	Allow as needed, but water cannot run off from property and usage must stay within water budget to avoid penalties.
Topping off swimming pools/ponds/other bodies of water (make-up water for evaporation) that provide recreation, fish or wildlife habitat, or backup supply for fire suppression	Allow as needed, but draining and refilling is prohibited. No water budget adjustments provided for draining and refilling due to prohibition. Use of pool covers strongly encouraged to reduce evaporative losses. Initial filling of newly constructed swimming pools is allowed.
Flushing of water mains for water quality purposes	Allow as needed, but capture and beneficially reuse flushed water or place it in the sewer for recycling at the Tapia Water Reclamation Facility.

<b>Description of Water Use or Activity:</b>	<b>Special Provision(s)*:</b>
Fire flow testing	Allow as needed but capture and beneficially reuse water or place it in sewer for recycling at the Tapia Water Reclamation Facility.
<b>Irrigation-Related Activities</b>	
Automatic Outdoor Irrigation (sprinklers and other non-drip systems) for residential properties	Restricted to one day per week maximum for accounts that use potable water to irrigate and 8 minutes maximum per “station” or irrigation zone, except that high-efficiency nozzles (i.e. micro sprayers) can run for 15 minutes. Additionally, water cannot runoff from landscaped areas and must stay within water budget to avoid penalties. Even number property addresses ending in 0, 2, 4, 6, 8 can only water on Tuesdays. Odd number property addresses ending in 1,3,5,7,9 can only water on Thursdays.
Irrigation of <i>non-functional turf</i> on commercial, industrial and institutional properties <b>using potable water</b>	Not allowed and no exceptions. <b>Non-functional turf</b> means turf that is solely ornamental and not regularly used for human recreational purposes or for civic or community events. Non-functional turf does not include sports fields and turf that is regularly used for human recreational purposes or for civic or community events.
Irrigation using recycled water	Allowed and not subject to one day per week or run-time restrictions except water cannot run off from landscaped areas and usage must stay within water budget to avoid penalties.
Drip irrigation systems	Allowed and not subject to one day per week or run-time restrictions except water cannot run off from landscaped areas and usage must stay within water budget to avoid penalties.
Maintenance and testing of sprinklers	Allowed on dedicated watering day only for potable water or any day for recycled water. No runoff allowed from landscaped areas and usage must stay within water budget to avoid penalties.
Watering using a hand-held hose with an automatic shut-off nozzle, watering can or bucket of five gallons or less	Allowed any time, but usage must stay within water budget to avoid penalties and prevent runoff from landscaped areas. Hand watering is limited to trees and non-turf perennials. Hand watering of annual plantings or turf grass is permitted only on the designated day.
Establishment of new landscaping	Planting of new landscaping is not recommended, and no water budget adjustments will be provided for any customer account type.

**\*Variances may be granted, at the discretion of the General Manager or designee, if it is deemed necessary to safeguard public health and safety and/or facilitates the conservation of water provided sufficient water supplies are available.**