

**RESOLUTION 14-31**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HELIX WATER DISTRICT DECLARING A LEVEL 2 DROUGHT ALERT CONDITION**

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, in response to continuing drought conditions, on July 15, 2014, California's State Water Resources Control Board adopted emergency statewide regulations to reduce outdoor water use. These regulations require urban water suppliers to implement mandatory outdoor irrigation restrictions and allow local suppliers to impose fines of up to \$500 or conduct other progressive enforcement actions for those who violate emergency regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the San Diego County Water Authority declared a drought alert calling for mandatory water conservation measures in response to the state's emergency drought regulations, on July 24, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the Helix Water District general manager declared a drought response Level 1 on February 19, 2014, calling for voluntary conservation; and

**WHEREAS**, the district's drought response policy is to declare a drought response Level 2 condition when the San Diego County Water Authority moves to Stage 2 within their drought management plan and calls for regional mandatory restrictions; and

**WHEREAS**, the district's drought response policy and procedure, states a drought response Level 2 is to be declared by the board of directors in a public meeting and would take effect the 10<sup>th</sup> day after the date the response level is declared.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED** by the Board of Directors of Helix Water District as follows:

Section 1. Declares a Level 2 Drought Alert for Helix Water District.

Section 2. All customers of Helix Water District shall comply with Level 1 Drought Watch water use restrictions as follows:

(1) Stop washing down paved surfaces, including but not limited to sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or patios, except when it is necessary to alleviate safety or sanitation hazards.

(2) Stop water waste resulting from inefficient landscape irrigation, such as runoff, low head drainage, or overspray, etc. Similarly, stop water flows onto non-targeted areas, such as

adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, hardscapes, roadways, or structures.

(3) Irrigate residential and commercial landscape before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m. only. Limit lawn watering and landscape irrigation using sprinklers to no more than 10 minutes per day. Irrigation run time should be adjusted to avoid runoff.

(4) Use a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shut-off nozzle or bucket to water landscaped areas, including trees and shrubs located on residential and commercial properties that are not irrigated by a landscape irrigation system.

(5) Irrigate nursery and commercial grower's products before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m. only. Watering is permitted at any time with a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shut-off nozzle, a bucket, or when a drip/micro-irrigation system/equipment is used. Irrigation of nursery propagation beds is permitted at any time. Watering of livestock is permitted at any time.

(6) Use recirculated water to operate ornamental fountains.

(7) Wash vehicles using a bucket and hand-held hose with positive shut-off nozzle, mobile high pressure/low volume wash system, or at a commercial site that recirculates (reclaims) water on-site. Avoid washing during hot conditions when additional water is required due to evaporation.

(8) Serve and refill water in restaurants and other food service establishments only upon request.

(9) Offer guests in hotels, motels and other commercial lodging establishments the option of not laundering towels and linens daily.

(10) Repair all water leaks within five days of notification by the Helix Water District unless other arrangements are made with the general manager.

Section 3. All customers of Helix Water District shall comply with Level 1 Drought Watch conservation practices during a Level 2 Drought Alert, and shall also comply with the following additional conservation measures:

(1) Limit residential and commercial landscape irrigation to no more than three days per week on a schedule established by the

general manager and posted by the Helix Water District. This section shall not apply to commercial growers or nurseries.

(2) Limit lawn watering and landscape irrigation using sprinklers to no more than 10 minutes per watering station per assigned day. Irrigation run time shall be adjusted to avoid runoff. This provision does not apply to landscape irrigation systems using water efficient devices, including but not limited to: weather based controllers, drip/micro-irrigation systems, stream rotor sprinklers and rotating nozzles.

(3) Water landscaped areas, including trees and shrubs located on residential and commercial properties, and not irrigated by a landscape irrigation system governed by paragraph (2) above, on the same schedule set forth in paragraph (2) by using a bucket, hand-held hose with a positive shut-off nozzle, or low-volume non-spray irrigation.

(4) Repair all leaks within 72 hours of notification by the Helix Water District unless other arrangements are made with the general manager.

Section 4. Any person, who uses, causes to be used, or permits the use of water in violation of this policy is guilty of an offense punishable as provided herein. Each day that a violation of this policy occurs is a separate offense. Administrative fines may be levied for each violation of a provision of this policy as follows:

- (1) \$100 for a first violation.
- (2) \$200 for a second violation of any provision of this policy within one year.
- (3) \$500 for each additional violation of this policy within one year.

Section 5. Violation of a provision of this policy is subject to enforcement through installation of a flow-restricting device in the meter.

Section 6. This Resolution shall take effect August 16, 2014.

**PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED** this 6th day of August 2014, by the following vote:


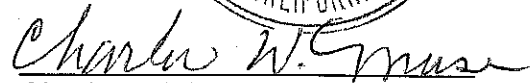
**AYES:** Directors Muse, Verbeke, Linden, Hedberg, and Scalzitti

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ATTEST:**

  
Sandra L. Janzen, Board Secretary

  
  
Charles W. Muse, President