

RESOLUTION NO. 074- 2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLOVERDALE DECLARING A STAGE 4 WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCY REQUIRING MANDATORY RATIONING WITH A WATER REDUCTION OF 35 PERCENT FROM 2020 WATER USE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 13.05 "CONSERVATION OF WATER SUPPLY" OF THE CLOVERDALE MUNICIPAL CODE AND THE CONTINUED SUSPENSION OF NEW OR ENLARGED WATER SYSTEM CONNECTIONS DUE TO DROUGHT

WHEREAS, the rainfall amount for Water Year 2020-21 was the third driest for the north coast region since rainfall records have been recorded; and

WHEREAS, the previous rainfall amount for Water Year 2019-20 was significant dry, with forty-three percent (43%) of average rainfall; and

WHEREAS, Sonoma County Water Agency projected Lake Mendocino being empty of water by late summer 2021 if water consumption is not severely reduced; and

WHEREAS, in response to these drought conditions, on April 28, 2021, the City Council declared the existence of a State 2 water shortage emergency within the water service area of the City, including all water service areas served by the City outside the City limits; and

WHEREAS, the declaration was issued in accordance with Cloverdale Municipal Code ("CMC") Chapter 13.05, "Conservation of Water Supply;" and

WHEREAS, the City Council established a water use reduction goal of twenty-five percent (25%) percent for the City of Cloverdale; and

WHEREAS, as water supply conditions continued to deteriorate, further reductions in demand will be necessary; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2021, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted an emergency regulation authorizing the Division of Water Rights to issue curtailment notices to senior water right holders in the Russian River watershed to safeguard the community's drinking water availability in the short term; and

WHEREAS, the emergency regulations authorize the State Water Board to issue curtailment order to senior water right holders in the Upper Russian River watershed if water storage levels in Lake Mendocino fall below 26,109 acre-feet before August 1, 2021 and Sonoma County Water Agency is making Supplemental Storage Releases to satisfy Inbasin Uses; and

WHEREAS, Water storage levels in Lake Mendocino were 26,097 acre-feet on July 26, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Sonoma County Water Agency is making Supplemental Storage Releases to satisfy Inbasin Uses; and

WHEREAS, On August 2, 2021, the State Water Board issued the City a curtailment order prohibiting diversion of water under the City's water rights to the Russian River; and

WHEREAS, the curtailment order only permits the City to use water in the amount of 55 gallons per person per day in order to meet minimum health and safety standards; and

WHEREAS, the adverse environmental, economic, health, welfare, and social impacts of the drought pose an imminent threat of disaster and threaten to cause widespread potential harm to people, businesses, property, the environment, and recreation in the City of Cloverdale, which require the City to take immediate action to mitigate the effects of the drought and reduce water use; and

WHEREAS, on August 11, the City Council adopted an urgency ordinance amending CMC Chapter 13.05, "Conservation of Water Supply" to reflect the six levels of water shortage emergency included in the City's current Water Shortage Contingency Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is necessary to adopt water reduction target of 35 percent and declare a Stage 4 Water Shortage Emergency in order to meet water use reduction mandates imposed by the August 2, 2021, curtailment order; and

WHEREAS, new or enlarged water service connections would counter efforts to conserve water supply within the City, which would exacerbate the drought; and

WHEREAS, CMC section 13.05.030, as amended, authorizes the City Council to suspend new or enlarged water service connections after the declaration of a Stage 2 or higher water shortage emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the suspension of new or enlarged connections to the City's water system continues to be necessary in order to prevent further strain on the City's water supply during the ongoing drought in order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Cloverdale hereby declares a Stage 4 Water Shortage Emergency, and requires mandatory rationing with a water reduction target of 35 percent from 2020 water use for all City water users and its residents to protect the public health and safety of its residents and businesses and to meet mandatory water use reduction imposed by the August 2, 2021 curtailment order.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Cloverdale hereby authorizes and directs the City Manager or the City Manager's designee to institute a Stage 4 Water Shortage Emergency in accordance with Cloverdale Municipal Code Chapter 13.05 "Conservation of Water Supply."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Cloverdale hereby continues the suspension on all new and enlarged water service connections in accordance with CMC 13.05.030, as amended effective August 11, 2021.

The foregoing Resolution No. 074-2021 was duly introduced and adopted by the City Council of the City of Cloverdale at its special meeting held on the 11th day of August 2021, by the following roll call vote:

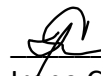
AYES:	(5)	Councilmembers Bagby, Palla and Wolter, Vice Mayor Lands and Mayor Cruz
NOES:	(0)	None
ABSTAIN:	(0)	None
ABSENT:	(0)	None

APPROVED:

ATTEST:



Marta Cruz, Mayor



Irene Camacho-Werby, City Clerk

IRENE CAMACHO-WERBY, City Clerk of the City of Cloverdale, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of Resolution No. 074-2021 adopted by the City Council of the City of Cloverdale on the 11th day of August 2021.



Irene Camacho-Werby, City Clerk