



# City of Grover Beach

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**PRESS RELEASE**  
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## **City of Grover Beach Declares a Stage II Water Shortage Citizens and Businesses are Encouraged to Continue Conserving Water**

The Grover Beach City Council has declared that a Stage II Water Shortage (moderate, voluntary) exists and in taking this action strongly encourages citizens and businesses to continue to conserve and limit water use. The Council made the decision following the receipt of information from staff that indicated the City's annual rainfall had averaged less than 65% of normal during the last two years. The declaration was made during the regular meeting of the City Council held on July 20<sup>th</sup>. The City Council had originally declared a Stage I Water Shortage in June of 2007 and decided to increase the alert level to a Stage II, based on the most recent information.

In accordance with the City's adopted Water Shortage Contingency Plan, residents and businesses are strongly encouraged to **refrain** from the following during a Stage II Water Shortage:

- Use of potable water for street cleaning;
- Use of potable water to wash sidewalks or roadways where air blowers or sweeping provides a reasonable alternative;
- Use of potable water for construction purposes, such as consolidation of backfill unless no other source of water or method can be used;
- Restaurant water service to patrons, unless upon request;
- Refilling existing private pools, except to maintain water levels;
- Use of potable water for washing cars, boats, sidewalks, driveways or other exterior surfaces without a quick-acting shut-off nozzle on the hose;
- Use of potable water for planting of turf and other new landscaping, unless it consists of low-water using, drought tolerant plants; and
- Operations of any ornamental fountain or car wash, unless the water is re-circulated.

Depending on the continued severity and duration of the water shortage, the City Council could declare a Stage III Water Shortage. With a Stage III Water Shortage, all of the voluntary actions outlined above would become mandatory. The City Council reviews rainfall and other information annually and, based on this information, determines if conservation efforts are necessary.

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The City receives its water from two sources: the Lake Lopez Water Reservoir and a number of groundwater wells. Currently, the storage of water at Lake Lopez is at 55.8% of normal and the City is using an average of approximately 92% of its groundwater allocation every year. Continued drought conditions in the future could compromise the City's ability to deliver water and more stringent actions could then become necessary. Consequently, citizens and businesses are encouraged to conserve water where possible. In the event you have questions regarding the need to conserve water, you are encouraged to contact the Administrative Services Department at (805) 473-4550 or the City Management Department at (805) 473-4567.

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