

RESOLUTION NO. 2059

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF CALLEGUAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
ENCOURAGING THE BAN OF POTABLE WATER IRRIGATION OF  
NON-FUNCTIONAL TURF  
AND DISCOURAGING THE CONTINUED USE OF NON-FUNCTIONAL TURF

WHEREAS, Calleguas Municipal Water District ("Calleguas" or "District") is a municipal water district created under the Municipal Water District Law of 1911, Water Code §§ 71000 et. seq., and is responsible for providing a reliable supply of high-quality, supplemental water to the communities of southeastern Ventura County; and

WHEREAS, Calleguas is a member public agency of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California ("Metropolitan"), and is reliant upon deliveries of water imported by Metropolitan; and

WHEREAS, the imported watersheds that supply the Metropolitan service area face long-term challenges due to climate change, extended periods of drought, and regulatory constraints; and

WHEREAS, Governor Newsom has declared a State of Emergency to exist in all California counties due to severe drought conditions. California has declared a State of Emergency due to severe drought conditions three separate times since 2007; and

WHEREAS, water conservation and demand management increase resiliency in the event of drought and extend the availability of current and future water supplies. Conservation of potable water supplies has helped preserve imported water storage and meet demands during dry conditions; and

WHEREAS, irrigation of turf grass represents the single largest application of consumptive use of potable water in southern California, including the Calleguas service area, and reducing the amount of turf represents a significant water conservation opportunity; and

WHEREAS, on May 24, 2022, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) adopted a statewide emergency water conservation regulation that temporarily bans the irrigation of non-functional turf with potable supplies at commercial, industrial, and institutional properties; and

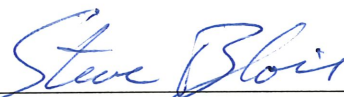
WHEREAS, non-functional turf is defined as specific kinds of grasses irrigated by potable water that are not regularly used for human recreational purposes or for civic or community events; and

WHEREAS, a permanent ban on irrigation of non-functional turf and commitment to converting these areas to California friendly landscaping through local ordinances and regulations would result in a significant reduction in potable water demand.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CALLEGUAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

1. The following principles should be adopted and/or promoted throughout Calleguas' service area:
  - a. Potable water should not be used to irrigate non-functional turf on non-residential properties in accordance with the Emergency Regulations in SWRCB Resolution No. 2022-0018.
  - b. Non-functional turf should not be installed at any new or existing non-residential properties, including at any commercial or industrial properties, public buildings, or facilities, or HOAs. Non-functional turf also should not be installed in any new residential properties.
  - c. Non-functional turf should not be installed in public spaces, including in medians.
  - d. Non-functional turf should be removed from all non-residential properties, both public and private, including HOAs, by a date certain in the future.
2. Calleguas recommends that all local jurisdictions within its service area amend their regulatory codes and ordinances and/or adopt regulatory codes and ordinances, as appropriate, to implement these principles in a manner consistent with each jurisdiction's discretion and legal authority.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this second day of November, 2022.

  
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Steve Blois, President  
Board of Directors

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of Calleguas Municipal Water District held on November 2, 2022.

ATTEST:

  
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Raul Avila, Secretary  
Board of Directors

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