



CITY MANAGER WEEKLY UPDATE

For Week Ending August 8, 2014

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Planning Commission

At its August 5th meeting, the Planning Commission:

Approved a conditional use permit (CUP 14-007) to allow the operation of a martial arts school and daycare use, known as Twin Tigers Academy, within a light industrial building located at 700 Harvest Park Drive (APN 010-150-044).

PUBLIC WORKS

Water Conservation and the Drought

City of Brentwood ("City") staff commends proactive water customers on their conservation efforts.

City water customers have responded to the City's request in April 2014, for voluntarily water use reductions of 10 percent, and many have taken advantage of the free water conservation devices and services. To date, the City has seen a reduction in water consumption of 11.8 percent in the months of April, May, June, and July 2014 in comparison to the same months of 2013.

While residents and businesses of Brentwood have taken many steps to reduce water use, the drought continues. On July 15, 2014, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) adopted emergency drought related regulations pertaining to urban water conservation for urban water suppliers to implement, which target outdoor urban water use. Effective July 28, 2014, the regulations establish the minimum level of activity that residents, businesses and water suppliers must meet as the drought deepens. Unless extended or repealed, they will be in effect until April 25, 2015. These regulations apply to the City of Brentwood.



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City staff has prepared a staff report for the City Council meeting on August 12, 2014, recommending implementation of Stage II of the City's Water Shortage Contingency Plan as outlined in the City's 2010 Urban Water Management Plan. These restrictions are in addition to Brentwood Municipal Code Section 14.01.5. Included in the staff report is a request that City water customers achieve a voluntary 20 percent reduction in water use over the prior year. The Stage II regulations only apply to potable water use and do not restrict recycled or non-potable usage.

Included in the SWRCB's emergency regulations is the prohibition of certain activities by water users. Specifically, Title 23, Section 864 and Section 865 of the California Code of Regulations provide:

Sec. 864 Prohibited Activities in Promotion of Water Conservation

- (a) To promote water conservation, each of the following actions is prohibited, except where necessary to address an immediate health and safety need or to comply with a term or condition in a permit issued by a state or federal agency:
- 1) The application of potable water to outdoor landscapes in a manner that causes runoff such that water flows onto adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, parking lots, or structures.
 - 2) The use of a hose that dispenses potable water to wash a motor vehicle, except where the hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle or device attached to it that causes it to cease dispensing water immediately when not in use.
 - 3) The application of potable water to driveways and sidewalks.
 - 4) The use of potable water in a fountain or other decorative water feature, except where the water is part of a recirculating system.

Sec. 865 Mandatory Actions by Water Supplier



(b)(1) To promote water conservation, each urban water supplier shall implement all requirements and actions of the stage its water shortage contingency plan that imposes mandatory restrictions on outdoor irrigation of ornamental landscapes or turf with potable water:

Staff is recommending the following irrigation restriction for compliance with Sec. 865 Mandatory Actions by Water Supplier:

- 1) Irrigation with City provided potable water is prohibited between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. daily.



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Information regarding all four stages of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan is attached as Appendix E and is outlined in the City of Brentwood's 2010 Urban Water Management Plan, which is available on the City's website at www.brentwoodca.gov. To help water customers with their water conservation and drought questions, the City's website will also be updated continuously with the latest drought news; or to speak with Water Conservation staff, call (925) 516-6000 Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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