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Lodi, CA – Water restrictions in place in Lodi since 2014 will be lifted on April 24 following Governor Brown’s recent executive order rescinding the drought state of emergency in much of California.

Conservation measures resulted in Lodi residents using 25 percent less water in 2015 than in 2013, allowing for a relaxing of mandatory cutbacks in 2016. In response to Governor Brown’s April 7 order lifting the emergency, Lodi Public Works Director Charles E. Swimley will remove the Stage 2 water alert as of Monday. Most recently, Lodi residents used 41 percent less water in March 2017 than in March 2013.

Although Governor Brown’s order asked the State Water Resources Control Board to develop permanent conservation practices, water restrictions will be limited to only those identified in the City’s Water Conservation Ordinance, as noted below, until further notice.

Water restrictions per City Ordinance are:

- Failure to repair a controllable leak of water or to correct or repair overspray, low head drainage, leaks or excessive watering amounts from irrigation system or landscape watering.
- Watering of lawns, flower beds, landscaping, ornamental plants or gardens on days or times other than those outlined in Section 13.08.240 of the Water Conservation Ordinance as:
- Watering Days:
 - Premises having odd numbered street addresses on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday.
 - Premises having even numbered street addresses on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.
 - No watering will be allowed by any addresses on Monday.

- Watering Hours: Any hour except between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. is prohibited.
- Washing of sidewalks, driveways, parking areas, tennis courts, patios, streets, or other exterior paved areas or buildings except when required to remove any spillage of substances that may be a danger to public health or safety.
- Washing with water any motor vehicles, trailers, or movable equipment other than with a bucket and rinsing the vehicle or equipment by use of a hose for not more than three minutes.
- Use of a hose without a positive shut off nozzle.
- The excess watering of any area so that water flows into a gutter or any drainage area.
- The unnecessary running of water in any residential, commercial, or industrial establishment onto the floor, pavement, ground, or into any drain or drainage area, with any equipment or in any way.
- Watering of lawns or landscapes during or within 48 hours following a measurable rain.
- Operation of a water fountain or other decorative water feature that does not use re-circulated water.

Enforcement procedures and penalties for water wasting were updated and adopted by City Council on November 18, 2015 as described in the Lodi Water Conservation Ordinance Sections 13.08.250 and 13.08.280. These have been effective since December 18, 2015. Enforcement of water waste violations within 12 months of the prior violation are as follows:

- First Water Waste A mailed written notice (warning) requiring corrective action is sent to the resident/owner.
- Second Water Waste A \$35 charge to be added to next utility bill.
- Third Water Waste A \$75 charge to be added to next utility bill.
- Fourth Water Waste A \$200 charge will be added to next utility bill.
- Fifth Water Waste A \$500 charge will be added to next utility bill. The City may also require installation of a water meter and/or water restrictor at the user's expense.
- Subsequent Water Waste The property is subject to a water service disconnection. Prior to reconnection, the City will require payment of all outstanding utility charges, fees, penalties, and surcharges in addition to a reconnection charge.

To learn more about water conservation, conservation tips, sustainable landscaping, or rebates go to: www.lodi.gov and click on "Learn more about water conservation" on the right side of the page.

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