

**SCHEDULE 14.1**  
**STAGED MANDATORY WATER RATIONING**

**A. APPLICABILITY**

1. This schedule applies to all water customers served under all tariff rates schedules authorized by the Commission. It is only effective in times of mandatory rationing, as required by Rule No. 14.1, and only for the period noted in the Special Conditions below.
2. This schedule shall remain dormant until a specific stage is activated by Commission authorization of a Tier 2 advice letter.
3. When a particular stage of this schedule is activated, the period over which it shall be effective will be added to tariff language.

**B. TERRITORY**

The area bounded by Olive Avenue, East Kings Canyon Road, Winery Avenue and Fowler Avenue located, approximately 1-1/2 miles east of Fresno, and vicinity, Fresno County.

**C. STAGES**

1. **Stage 1:** Mandatory rationing is declared by utility, governing agency, or supplier, when water supplied to utility is reduced 0% - 20%, or when the utility has activated a similar Stage in its Water Shortage Contingency Plan.
2. **Stage 2:** Water supply is reduced 20.01% - 36%, when the utility has activated a similar Stage in its Water Shortage Contingency Plan, or water restrictions at Stage 1 have not been effective in reducing water usage to prescribed level.
3. **Stage 3:** Water supply is reduced 36.01% or more, when the utility has activated a similar Stage in its Water Shortage Contingency Plan, or water restrictions at Stage 2 have not been effective in reducing water usage to prescribed level.

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**D. MANDATORY WATER USE RESTRICTIONS AND RATIONING**

1. **Mandatory Water Rationing:** A Mandatory Rationing condition exists when the utility, a governing agency or supplier determines that due to drought or other water shortage supply conditions, a consumer reduction is necessary to appropriately respond to existing water conditions. Upon activation of one of the rationing stages in Section C, customers shall reduce water usage by:

- a. **Stage 1:** 20% - 25% of an historical base period
- b. **Stage 2:** 25% - 36% of an historical base period
- c. **Stage 3:** Greater than 36% of an historical base period

2. **Mandatory Water Usage Restrictions:** In addition to the non-essential or unauthorized uses of water identified in the in the Special Conditions of this Schedule, there shall be additional conversation requirements regarding mandatory outdoor watering schedules at each stage. While any stage of Schedule 14.1 is active, the application of potable water to outdoor landscaping during and within 48 hours after a measurable rainfall is prohibited. Watering or irrigating of lawn, landscape or other vegetated area with potable water is limited to:

- a. **Stage 1:** Three days per week, only before 6:00 a.m. and after 7:00 p.m. on a schedule established and posted by the Utility. If water shortage conditions persist and conservation in prior months did not achieve intended water usage reductions, during the months of November through March, watering may be limited to no more than two days per week.
- b. **Stage 2:** Two days per week, only before 6:00 a.m. and after 7:00 p.m. on a schedule established and posted by the Utility. If water shortage conditions persist and conversation in prior months did not achieve intended water use reductions, during the months of November through March, watering may be limited to no more than one day per week.
- c. **Stage 3:** One day per week, only before 6:00 a.m. and after 7:00 p.m. on a schedule established and posted by the Utility. If water shortage conditions persist and conservation in prior months did not achieve intended water use reductions, during the months of November through March, watering may be prohibited.

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**E. WATER USE VIOLATION FINE**

1. When a stage of this schedule has been activated by Commission authorization, the water use restrictions of the conservation program become mandatory. If a customer is seen violating the water usage restrictions, as outlined in the Special Conditions below, the customer will be subject to the following fine structure:
  - a. **First Violation:** A verbal warning shall be provided to customer either in person or via a telephone conversation. If the customer cannot be reached or does not return voice messages, and the violation continues without remedy, then the Company shall place a door hanger on the Premises notifying the customer of the violation.
  - b. **Second Violation:** A formal written notice shall be provided to the customer by mail, personal delivery or e-mail for a second violation within twelve (12) calendar months of the first violation. The first formal written notice shall identify the violation and possible remedies while also educating the customer on water shortage conditions and the importance of conservation.
  - c. **Third Violation:** A second formal written notice in the form of a Non-Compliance Notice shall be provided to the customer by mail, personal delivery or e-mail for a third violation within twelve (12) calendar months of the first violation. The second formal written notice shall identify the violation and display the potential fines for violating again.
  - d. **Fourth and Subsequent Violations:** For a fourth violation within twelve (12) calendar months of the first violation, a fine of \$25.00 per violation and an increase of \$25.00 for each subsequent violation up to a maximum of \$500.00 per day.
2. Offenses for separate water use restrictions will each start at the First Violation warning stage.
3. The water usage violation fine is in addition to the regular rate schedule charges.

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**F. FLOW RESTRICTOR REMOVAL CHARGE**

The charge for removal of a flow-restricting device shall be:

<u>Connection Size</u>	<u>Removal Charges</u>
5/8" to 1" .....	\$25.00
1 1/2" to 2" .....	\$50.00
3" and larger .....	Actual cost

**G. SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

1. This tariff schedule shall remain in effect for a period of one (1) year from the effective date set forth below, or until utility files a Tier 1 advice letter to deactivate specific stage of mandatory conservation, whichever occurs first.
2. Water use violation fines must be separately identified on each bill.
3. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth on Schedule No. UF.
4. All monies collected by the utility through water use violation fines shall not be accounted for as income but rather booked to a memorandum account to offset either authorized expenses incurred or recovery of lost revenue. All expenses incurred by utility to activate Rule 14.1 and Schedule 14.1 that have not been considered in a General Rate Case or other proceeding, shall be recoverable by utility if determined to be reasonable by the Commission. Lost revenues associated with reduced sales as a result of activation of either Tariff Rule 14.1 or Schedule 14.1 for a utility without a full revenue decoupling WRAM should be tracked in a separate memorandum account for disposition as directed or authorized from time to time by the Commission.
5. No customer shall use utility-supplied water for non-essential or unauthorized uses, including but not limited to:
  - a. Use of potable water for more than minimal landscaping, as defined in the landscaping regulated jurisdiction or as described in Article 10.8 of the California Government Code in connection with new construction;

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**G. SPECIAL CONDITIONS (CONTINUED)**

- b. Excessive use of water; when a utility has notified the customer in writing to repair a broken or defective plumbing, sprinkler, watering or irrigation system and the customer has failed to effect such repairs within five business days, the utility may install a flow restriction device;
- c. Use of potable water which results in flooding or runoff in gutter or streets.
- d. Individual private washing of cars with a hose except with the use of a positive action shut-off nozzle. Use of potable water for washing commercial aircraft, cars, buses, boats, trailers, or other commercial vehicles at any time, except at commercial or fleet vehicle or boat washing facilities operated at a fixed location where equipment using water is properly maintained to avoid wasteful use;
- e. Use of potable water for washing buildings, structures, driveways, patios, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard-surfaced areas, except in the cases where health and safety are at risks;
- f. Use of potable water to irrigate turf, lawns, gardens, or ornamental landscaping by means other than drip irrigation, or hand watering without quick acting positive action shut-off nozzles, on a specific schedule;
- g. Use of potable water for street cleaning with trucks, except for initial wash down for construction purposes (if street sweeping is not feasible), or to protect the health and safety of the public;
- h. Use of potable water for construction purposes, such as consolidation of backfill, dust control, or other uses unless no other source of water or other method can be used;
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**G. SPECIAL CONDITIONS (CONTINUED)**

- j. Use of potable water for street cleaning;
- k. Operation of commercial car washes without recycling at least 20% - 50% of the potable water used per cycle, or implement another equivalent form of conservation;
- l. Use of potable water for watering outside plants, lawn, landscape and turf areas during certain hours if and when specified in Schedule No. 14.1 when the schedule is in effect;
- m. Use of potable water for decorative fountains or the filling or topping off of decorative lakes or ponds. Exceptions are made for those decorative fountains lakes or ponds which utilize recycled water;
- n. Use of potable water for filling or refilling swimming pools, except when pool is equipped with auto-fill system or initial filling of newly constructed pool;
- o. Service of water by any restaurant except upon the request of a patron; and
- p. Use of potable water to flush hydrants, except where required for public health or safety.

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