

**RESOLUTION NO. 6346-2021**

**Resolution of the City Council  
Immediately Implementing Water Waste Prohibitions and  
Water Conservation Measures**

**WHEREAS**, On April 21, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsome issued a Proclamation declaring a State of Emergency to exist in California due to severe drought conditions and calling on Californians to reduce their water usage.

**WHEREAS**, the State of California proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in Mendocino and Sonoma Counties due to drought conditions in the Russian River Watershed

**WHEREAS**, the City of Sebastopol municipal code requires that the water resources available to the City be put to the maximum beneficial use to the extent to which they are capable, to promote water conservation and the efficient use of potable water furnished by the City, by eliminating intentional or unintentional water waste when a reasonable alternative solution is available, and by prohibiting use of equipment which is wasteful.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Sebastopol established a City water shortage contingency plan in 2014 by ordinance 1070 which contains Water Conservation Stages to achieve responsible management of City's water resources.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,**

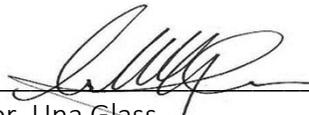
The City of Sebastopol enter *Stage 1 Voluntary Conservation* of the Water Conservation Stages as found in Municipal Code 13.06.070. In order to achieve an overall system-wide reduction goal of 10 percent. All potable water customers of the City are requested to:

1. Apply irrigation water only during the evening and early morning hours to reduce evaporation losses.
2. Inspect all irrigation systems, repair leaks, and adjust spray heads to provide optimum coverage and eliminate avoidable overspray.
3. For irrigation valves controlling water applied to lawns, vary the minutes of run time consistent with fluctuations in weather.
4. Reduce minutes of run time for each irrigation cycle if water begins to run off to gutters and ditches before the irrigation cycle is completed.
5. Become conversant with and strictly adhere to this chapter.
6. Utilize water conservation rebate and giveaway programs to replace water guzzling plumbing fixtures and appliances with water efficient models.
7. Utilize City information regarding using water efficiently, reading water meters, repairing ordinary leaks, and how to make your landscape a water efficient landscape.

The above and foregoing Resolution was duly passed, approved and adopted at a meeting by the City Council on the 4th day of May, 2021, by the following vote:

**VOTE:**

Ayes: Councilmembers Hinton, Rich, Slayter, Vice Mayor Gurney and Mayor Glass  
Noes: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

APPROVED:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Una Glass

ATTEST:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Gourley, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, MMC

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Larry McLaughlin, City Attorney