Drought Response

Watering Restriction for Firm Water Customers

Water Operations Committee Meeting
Jan. 23, 2024
Drought Response: Watering Restriction

• Due to prolonged severe drought conditions, staff recommends a change to the current Drought Contingency Plan for Firm Water Customers

• Would require firm water customers to implement a maximum once-per-week watering schedule this spring if combined storage remains below 900,000 acre-feet

• Reducing outdoor water use provides the greatest benefit to managing combined storage
Benefits of Moving to Maximum Once-Per-Week Watering Schedule

• Going from watering twice per week to watering once per week reduces annual water use by about 7-12%

• Savings are higher in the summer when outdoor watering is most prevalent
Watering Restriction Schedule

- February 2024
  - LCRA Board takes action to impose a maximum once-per-week watering schedule
  - If drought persists, staff provides Board update on pro rata curtailment process