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**SUBJECT: MODIFICATIONS TO MCSD ORDINANCE 10**

McKinleyville, CA – In order to comply with the new state mandates, at the April 1, 2015 McKinleyville Community Services District Board Meeting, the Board of Directors voted in favor of Resolution 2015-09 approving modifications to Ordinance 10 and the Water Shortage Contingency Plan. The changes include: *Outdoor irrigation of ornamental landscapes or turf with potable water is only allowed on Sundays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.*

Other restrictions which are not part of the MCSD Ordinance 10, but are updated state mandates, include:

- The application of potable water to outdoor landscapes during and within 48 hours after measurable rainfall; and
- The serving of drinking water other than upon request in eating or drinking establishments, including but not limited to restaurants, hotels, cafes, cafeterias, bars, or other public places where food or drink are served and/or purchased.
- To promote water conservation, operators of hotels and motels shall provide guests with the option of choosing not to have towels and linens laundered daily. The hotel or motel shall prominently display notice of this option in each guestroom using clear and easily understood language.
- The taking of any action prohibited in subdivision (a) or the failure to take any action required in subdivision (b) of this section, in addition to any other applicable civil or criminal penalties, is an infraction, punishable by a fine of up to five hundred dollars (\$500) for each day in which the violation occurs.

The State has also added Mandatory Actions by the Water Supplier:  
Sec. 865 Mandatory Actions by Water Suppliers

(b)(1) To promote water conservation, each urban water supplier shall implement all requirements and actions of the stage of its water shortage contingency plan that imposes includes mandatory restrictions on the number of days that outdoor irrigation of ornamental landscapes or turf with potable water is allowed, or shall amend its water shortage contingency plan to include mandatory restrictions on the number of days that outdoor irrigation of ornamental landscapes or turf with potable water is allowed and implement these restrictions within forty-five (45) days. Urban water suppliers with approved alternate plans as described in subdivision (b)(2) are exempted from this requirement.

On July 15, 2014, the State Water Board adopted Resolution 2014-0038, which adopted an emergency regulation for water conservation that added new sections to title 23 of the California Code of Regulations. That emergency regulation became effective on July 28, 2014, upon approval by the Office of Administrative Law and it included the following mandates:

(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; and
- (4) The use of potable water in a fountain or other decorative water feature, except where the water is part of a re-circulating system.

If you have any questions regarding this subject, feel free to access MCSD's website at [www.mckinleyvillecsd.com](http://www.mckinleyvillecsd.com) or call our Administrative offices at 707-839-3251.

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