

# RESCIND DROUGHT LEVEL 2 ACTIONS

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April 12, 2023



# Timeline

- Drought Level 1 – September 2021
  - Voluntary actions
  
- Drought Level 2 Actions – June 2022
  - Mandatory Level 1
  - Prohibition of Non-functional turf in CII
  
- Level 2 Actions
  - Outdoor watering that lets water run onto sidewalks and other areas (except incidental runoff)
  - Washing vehicles without an automatic shutoff nozzle
  - Washing hard surfaces like driveways or sidewalks that don't absorb water
  - Street cleaning or construction site preparation
  - Filling decorative fountains, lakes, or ponds without a recirculation pump
  - Outdoor watering within 48 hours after at least 1/4 inch of rainfall
  - Watering decorative grass on public medians
  - Mandatory AMI portal sign-up

# State Actions 2023

- March - Governor's Executive Order
  - Rescinded previous order effective immediately
- March DWR sets Table A – 75%
- SWRCB ending 15% reporting
  - Current status
    - Non-functional Turf Prohibition expires June 2023
    - Emergency Drought expires December 2023

# Water Agencies

- MWD – ended their SWP restrictions in March
- SDCWA – June Board meeting
  
- Other Agencies
  - Helix – ended Drought Level 2 in March

# Recommendation

- Rescind Drought Level 2 Actions
- Move to Drought Level 1
  - Additional Prohibition on Non-functional turf in CII
  
- Outreach
  - AMI Portal Sign Up
  - WUE standards

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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Executive Committee

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# Regulatory and Coalition Letters

- SB 23 – Caballero (Merced)
  - ACWA Coalition
  - SWRCB Water-Use Efficiency Standards
  - CARB Clean Fleets – SDCWA Coalition
  - OMWD Grant Funding Brackish Groundwater Desalination Project

# Water Rights Bills

- AB 460 – Bauer-Kahan (Orinda)
  - AB 1337 – Wicks (Oakland)
  - AB 1272 – Wood (Healdsburg)
  - SB 389 – Allen (Santa Monica)
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- ACWA Working Group on Communications



# AB 1572 – Friedman

- Prohibition of Non-Functional Turf
  - CII areas
  - Includes HOAs and currently, multi-family housing
  - MWD is considering co-sponsoring
- Concerns
  - Inconsistent language on what is non-functional turf
  - Multi-family housing inclusion
  - Impacts to DAC
  - Funding from DWR
    - Prioritizes DAC funding from IRWM
  - Enforcement by water agencies, SWRCB and other 'local government'