

## **ORDINANCE NO. 2311**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF PORTLAND DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; ESTABLISHING A PENALTY AND SPECIFICALLY NEGATING A REQUIREMENT OF A CULPABLE MENTAL STATE; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS** Section 11.1272 of the Texas Water Code requires all public water supply systems in Texas to prepare a drought contingency plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Portland adopted a Drought Contingency Plan on January 26, 2021, and the City Council has determined it is necessary to adopt a new Drought Contingency Plan to meet the contractual requirements of the water purchase contract between the City of Portland, the San Patricio Municipal Water District, and the City of Corpus Christi, and the requirements of Title 30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 288; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that the Plan is necessary for the orderly and efficient management of limited water supplies during drought and other water supply emergencies.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, TEXAS:**

### **SECTION 1. CITY OF PORTLAND DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN ADOPTION**

The City of Portland Drought Contingency Plan is attached hereto and made a part hereof by this reference and is hereby adopted.

### **SECTION 2 REPEALER.**

All previously adopted rules, regulations, policies, and ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

### **SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY**

If any provision, section, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance, or the application of same to any person or set of circumstances is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void , or invalid, the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby, it being the intent of the City Council in adopting this Ordinance that no portion hereof, or provisions or regulations contained herein, shall become inoperative or fail by reason of any

unconstitutionality of any other portion hereof, and all provision of this Ordinance are declared severable for that purpose.

#### **SECTION 4. PENALTY**

Any person who violates this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00). Each day a violation of this Ordinance occurs shall constitute a separate offense. The culpable mental state required by Chapter 6.02, Texas Penal Code, is specifically negated and dispensed with and a violation is a strict liability offense.

#### **SECTION 5. PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This Ordinance shall be published after second reading hereof by publishing the caption thereof in the official newspaper with a statement the public may view the Ordinance in the Office of the City Secretary. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its publication.

**PASSED** and **APPROVED** on second reading this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.

**CITY OF PORTLAND**



Cathy Skurow  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**



Annette Hall  
City Secretary





## **City of Portland Drought Contingency Plan**

### **2025**

#### **Section 1. Introduction**

This document is the Drought Contingency Plan (DCP) for the City of Portland (City). This DCP was created so that the City can reduce demand when supplies are low so the residents have enough water to make it through a drought. This DCP clearly explains the triggers initiated by a drought and the steps to be taken during each stage of a drought. There is also information in this DCP which explains the steps to be taken in a water emergency, such as when supplies are cut off or contaminated. The DCP has been prepared in accordance with Texas Administrative Code Title 30 Chapter 288 Subchapter B Rule §288.20 for Municipal Uses by Public Water Suppliers.

#### **Section 2. Declaration of Policy and Reason**

In order to conserve the available water supply, to protect the integrity of water supply facilities with particular regard for domestic water use, sanitation, and fire protection, to protect and preserve public health, welfare, and safety, and to minimize the adverse impacts of water supply shortage or other water-supply emergency conditions, the City hereby adopts the following regulations and restrictions on the delivery and consumptions of water.

Water uses regulated or prohibited under this DCP are considered to be non-essential, and continuation of such uses during times of water shortage or other emergency water-supply conditions are deemed to constitute a waste of water, which subjects the offender(s) to penalties as defined in this ordinance.

Currently, the City's water supply is delivered by the San Patricio Municipal Water District and is comprised of three reservoirs: Lake Corpus Christi, Choke Canyon Reservoir and Lake Texana. However, the criteria to trigger drought stages are based on the combined capacity of Lake Corpus Christi and Choke Canyon Reservoir.

Even with three reservoirs, the City faces drought conditions (<50% storage levels) 16% of the time. It is because of this frequency that the following DCP was developed. This DCP adopts measures that will dramatically cut water consumption in order to conserve water supplies.

#### **Section 3. Public Education**

The City will periodically provide the public with information about the DCP, including information about the conditions under which each stage of the DCP is to be initiated or

terminated, and the drought response measures to be implemented in each stage. This information will be provided by utility bill inserts, notices in *The News of San Patricio* and/or *Corpus Christi Caller-Times*, and notice on the City's website ([www.portlandtx.gov](http://www.portlandtx.gov)). Notification to the public about when drought stages go into effect or when restrictions are lifted is explained in more detail in Section 5.

#### **Section 4. Coordination with Regional Water Planning Groups**

The service area of the City of Portland is located within the Coastal Bend Regional Water Planning Area (Region N) and the City has provided a copy of this DCP to Region N in care of the Nueces River Authority. The City of Portland shall review and update, as appropriate, the DCP at least every five years based on new or updated information, such as the adoption or revision of the regional water plan.

#### **Section 5. Drought Stages Response Notification**

The City Manager, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed to implement the applicable provisions of the DCP upon determination that such implementation is necessary to protect public health, safety, and welfare. The City Manager, or designee, shall have the authority to initiate or terminate drought or other water supply emergency stages or restriction(s) as described in this DCP. The City Manager, or designee, shall notify the members of the City Council before implementing any measures. Any non-emergency changes to the drought stages and restrictions outside this DCP must have City Council approval. shall implement the following notification procedures.

#### **Section 6. Drought Best Management Practices Per Stage**

A summary of water use reduction targets for each drought stage response is presented in the following table. Further discussion on best management practices and implementation practices associated with each stage of response is included below. Due to contractual obligations for water purchase, the City of Portland enacts and terminates drought response stages immediately following the same action by the City of Corpus Christi.

<b>Drought Stage Response</b>	<b>CCR/LCC Combined Reservoir Storage Level</b>	<b>Target Demand Reduction Levels</b>
Shortage Watch	<50%	5%
Stage 1 - Mild	<40%	5%
Stage 2 - Moderate	<30%	10%
Stage 3 - Critical	<20%	15%

Water Emergency Level 1	Not Applicable	25%
Water Emergency Level 2	Not Applicable	50%

## Sec. 23-120 – Definitions

For the purposes of this division, the following definitions shall apply:

Aerobic irrigation system: an irrigation system that utilizes a home or business’s treated wastewater from its aerobic septic system.

Aesthetic water use: water use for ornamental or decorative purposes such as fountains, reflecting pools, and water gardens.

Commercial account: water used in the operations of commercial, non-profit establishments and governmental entities such as retail establishments, hotels and motels, restaurants, and office buildings.

Conservation: those practices, techniques, and technologies that reduce the consumption of water, reduce loss or waste of water, improve the efficiency in the use of water, or increase the recycling and reuse of water so that a supply is conserved and made available for future or alternative uses.

Contract (end-user) water customers: a private entity that has a contract with the City to receive raw or treated water supplies for its sole use (i.e. does not resell to other users).

Customer: any person, company, or organization using water supplied by the City of Portland and paying a retail water bill.

Domestic water use: water use for personal needs or for household or sanitary purposes such as drinking, bathing, heating, cooking, sanitations, or for cleaning a residence, business, industry, or institution.

Drip irrigation: a method of watering plants using a network of tubes, pipes, valves, and emitters that slowly drips water to the roots of plants to minimize evaporation. Soaker hoses are not a substitute for a proper drip irrigation system

Industrial water use: the use of water in processes designed to convert materials of lower value into forms having greater usability and use.

Institutional water use: the use of water by an establishment dedicated to public service, such as a school, university, church, hospital, nursing home, prison, or government facility. All facilities dedicated to public service are considered institutional regardless of ownership.

Irrigation account/meter: a meter connected solely to an irrigation system. This type of meter does not incur wastewater fees on water used through this meter. All irrigation meters are subject to backflow prevention rules through the City's code of ordinances.

Landscape irrigation use: water use for the irrigation and maintenance of landscaped areas, whether publicly or privately owned, including residential and commercial lawns, gardens, golf courses, parks, rights-of-way, and medians.

Non-essential water use: water uses that are not essential or not required for the protection of public, health, safety, and welfare, including:

- irrigation of landscape areas, including parks, athletic fields, and golf courses, except as otherwise provided under this DCP;
- use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, or other vehicle;
- use of water to wash down any impervious cover including sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard-surfaced areas;
- flushing gutters or permitting water to run or accumulate in any gutter or street;
- use of water to fill, refill, or add to any indoor or outdoor swimming pools or jacuzzi-type pools;
- use of water in an aesthetic feature including fountain or pond except where necessary to support aquatic life;
- failure to repair a controllable leak(s) within a reasonable period after having been given notice directing the repair of such leak; and
- use of water from hydrants for construction purposes or any other purposes other than firefighting or flushing needed to maintain chlorination levels and protect public health.

Pool cover: a material designated to cover the surface area of a swimming pool when it is not in use. Pool covers can come in different types, including manual, semi-automatic, and automatic, and can be made from different materials such as mesh, solid vinyl, solar blankets, or pool floaties. Pool covers do not include tree canopies, pergolas, gazebos, or similar structures.

Reservoir Capacity: the combined reservoir storage levels of Choke Canyon Reservoir and Lake Corpus Christi, as measured in percentage of the full combined volume.

Surcharge: temporary rate to manage demand in times of drought.

Water well: any facility, device, or method used to withdraw groundwater from a groundwater reservoir.

**Sec. 23-121. - Prohibition and regulation of uses.**

For the purposes of this division, the following provisions shall apply:

- (1) No person shall knowingly, recklessly, or with criminal negligence, make, cause, use or permit the use of water from the city system for residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, governmental, or any other purpose in a manner contrary to any provision of this section, or in an amount in excess of that use permitted by the conservation stage in effect pursuant to action taken by the city manager, or his designee, in accordance with the provisions of this section. The provisions of this section shall apply to all uses of water from the city water supply system wherever situated. As used in this division, "person" includes individuals, corporations, partnerships, associations, and all other legal entities.
- (2) The City Manager shall promulgate guidelines which shall set forth the criteria for determining when a particular conservation stage is to be implemented and terminated. Such guidelines shall be updated when, in the opinion of the city manager, the conditions of the water system have changed so as to necessitate such update, such guidelines to be published and filed in the office of the city.
- (3) The use or withdrawal of water from the water supply system of the city for the following purposes or uses is hereby regulated during any period of water shortage commencing with the promulgation of water conservation guidelines and implementation of same by the City Manager and continuing until such water conservation measures are no longer deemed necessary by the city manager in accordance with such guidelines. The combined reservoir storage level of Choke Canyon Reservoir and Lake Corpus Christi is the triggering criterion that is monitored for determining drought stages.

Water Shortage Watch – Target: Achieve a 5% reduction in daily demand by requesting Customers to voluntarily conserve water and adhere to prescribed conditions on specific water uses.

- a. Stage 1 Response – MILD Water Shortage Conditions - Target: Achieve a 5% reduction in daily water demand with the following water use

restrictions:

1. Best Management Practices for Supply Management: The City will do the following during Stage 1:
  - a. Use more repair crews if necessary to allow for a quicker response time for water-line leak repair; and
  - b. City crews will monitor customers' compliance with Stage 1 restrictions during the course of their daily rounds.
  - c. Increase public education and outreach regarding water use reduction.
2. The following water use restrictions shall apply to all persons during Stage 1:
  - a. Irrigation of landscaped areas with hose-end sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems shall be limited to once per week. The watering schedule will be determined by the City Manager. Customers will be made aware of their designated watering day in accordance with Section 5. However, irrigation of landscaped areas is permitted on any day if it is by means of a hand-held hose (with positive shutoff nozzle), a faucet-filled bucket or watering can of five (5) gallons or less, or a drip irrigation system with a positive shutoff device. Exceptions for this restriction may be permitted, upon review and approval by the Water Allocation and Review Committee may be permitted for the following uses: new plantings (for up to 60 days), vegetable gardens, athletic playing fields, botanical gardens, and public health. In addition, this restriction does not apply to customers irrigating with well water or an aerobic septic system. Customers irrigating with well water or an aerobic septic system must apply for an exemption from the City of Portland to be prominently posted on the premises within two (2) feet of the street number located on the premises.
  - b. No watering or irrigating landscaped areas by hose-end sprinkler or automatic irrigation systems will be allowed between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. prevent evaporative loss.
  - c. Use of water from hydrants shall be limited to firefighting, related activities, or other activities necessary to maintain public health, safety, and welfare, except that use of water from designated fire hydrants for construction purposes may be allowed under an exemption.
  - d. Use of water for the irrigation of golf course greens, tees, and fairways is prohibited except on designated watering days. However, if the golf course utilizes water source other than that provided by the City of Portland, the facility shall not be subject to these regulations.



- e. The use of water to maintain the integrity of building foundations is limited to designated watering days
- b. Stage 2 Response – MODERATE Water Shortage Conditions - Target: Achieve a 10% reduction in total daily water demand with the following water use restrictions:
  - 1. Best Management Practices for Supply Management: In addition to the best management practices for supply management listed under Stage 1, the City will also do the following:
    - a. Eliminate the flushing of water mains unless required for decontamination and/or public safety; and
    - b. Monitor customers for compliance and notify violators verbally or in writing as the situation dictates.
    - c. Increase public education and outreach regarding water use reduction.
  - 2. Water Use Restrictions for Demand Reduction: All requirements of Stage 1 shall remain in effect during Stage 2 except:
    - a. Irrigation of landscaped areas with hose-end sprinklers and automatic irrigation systems shall be limited to once every other week. The watering schedule will be determined by the City Manager or designee. Customers will be made aware of their designated watering day. However, irrigation of landscaped areas is permitted on any day if it is by means of a hand-held hose (with positive shutoff nozzle), a faucet-filled bucket or watering can of five (5) gallons or less, or a drip irrigation system with a positive shutoff device. Exceptions for this restriction may be permitted, upon review and approval by the Water Allocation Resource Committee, for the following uses: new plantings (for up to 60 days), vegetable gardens, athletic playing fields, and botanical gardens. In addition, this restriction does not apply to customers irrigating with well water or an aerobic septic system. Customers irrigating with well water or an aerobic septic system shall still apply for a permit from the City Utilities Department to be prominently posted on the premises within two (2) feet of the street number located on the premises.
    - b. The watering of golf course fairways with potable water is prohibited. The watering of greens and tees is limited to once every other week unless the golf course utilizes a water source other than the City of Portland or done by means of hand-held hoses or hand-held buckets
    - c. A person or entity who owns, leases, or manages an outdoor swimming pool (including City-owned pools) shall begin

preparation for the Stage 3 requirement to have approximately 100 percent of the pool surface area covered when not in use.

- d. Hotels, motels, and other lodgings must offer and clearly notify guests of a “linen/towel change on request only” program.
- e. Use of water to wash a motor vehicle that is not occurring on the premises of a commercial car wash is allowed on the designated Stage 2 watering day.

**Optional Measures:**

During Stage 2, the following measures are optional water use restrictions that may be implemented by the City Manager, or designee, with City Council approval, as conditions warrant: The following surcharge will be added to the customer’s water bill: For all irrigation accounts, a surcharge of \$1.00 per 1,000 gallons will be added to the customers’ bill. For residential accounts, a surcharge of \$1.00 per 1,000 gallons over 7,000 gallons will be added to the customers’ bill. For commercial accounts, a surcharge of \$1.00 per 1,000 gallons over 55,000 gallons will be added to the customers’ bill.

- c. Stage 3 Response - CRITICAL Water Shortage Conditions - Target: Achieve a 15% or greater reduction in daily water demand with the following water use restrictions:
  - 1. Best Management Practices for Supply Management: In addition to the best management practices for supply management listed under Stage 2, the City will also do the following:
    - a. Upon written notice, disconnect the water meters of willful violators if absolutely necessary to prevent the deliberate wasting of water.
    - b. Increase public education and outreach regarding water use reduction.
  - 2. Water Use Restrictions for Demand Reduction: All requirements of Stage 1 and Stage 2 shall remain in effect during Stage 3 except:
    - a. Irrigation of turf grass by any means shall be prohibited at all times. Drip irrigation for foundations and landscaped beds is allowed every other week on the designated watering schedule. The watering schedule will be determined by the City Manager. Customers will be made aware of their designated watering day.
    - b. Watering of trees, vegetable beds, shrubs, and potted plants is permitted on any day if it is by means of a handheld hose (with a positive shutoff nozzle), a faucet filled bucket, or a watering can of five (5) gallons or less.

- c. Exceptions for Stage 3 restrictions may be permitted for up to 30 days upon review and approval by the Water Allocation Review Committee for new plantings. In This restriction does not apply to customers irrigating with well water or an aerobic septic system. Customers irrigating with well water or an aerobic septic system shall still apply for an exemption from the City of Portland. An exemption certificate should be prominently posted on the premises within two (2) feet of the street number located on the premises.
- d. Use of water to wash a motor vehicle not occurring on the premises of a commercial car wash station is allowed by hand, with a five (5) gallon bucket or less on the designated watering day.
- e. The filling, draining and refilling of an existing swimming pool, Jacuzzi and hot tubs is prohibited except to maintain structural integrity.
- f. A person or entity who owns, leases, or manages an outdoor swimming pool (including City-owned pools) shall have approximately 100% of the pool surface area covered when not in use. A request for an exemption or variance from this provision for pools that have a water-saving feature may be submitted.
- g. Operators of water parks must seek approval from the Water Allocation Review Committee prior to filling, refilling, or adding water to water parks.
- h. All fountains shall only operate to circulate water in order to maintain equipment.

**Optional Measures:**

During Stage 3, the following measures are optional water use restrictions that may be implemented by the City Manager, with City Council approval, as conditions warrant. The following surcharge will be added to a customer's water bill: For all irrigation accounts, a surcharge of \$2.00 per 1,000 gallons will be added to the customers' bill. For residential accounts, a surcharge of \$2.00 per 1,000 gallons over 7,000 gallons will be added to the customers' bill. For commercial accounts, a surcharge of \$2.00 per 1,000 gallons over 55,000 gallons will be added to the customers' bill.

- d. Level 1 Water Emergency – Target: Achieve a 25% or greater reduction in daily water demand with the following water use restrictions:
  - 1. Best Management Practices for Supply Management: In addition to the best management practices for supply management listed under Stage 3, the City will also call the ten largest water customers, and if necessary, use runners in key areas to begin spreading the message of a major outage.
  - 2. Water Use Restrictions for Demand Reduction: All requirements of

Stage 1, 2, and 3 shall remain in effect during except:

- a. Irrigation of landscaped areas is absolutely prohibited.
- b. Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane or other vehicle is absolutely prohibited.
- c. Business process water shall be reduced to a basic amount necessary only for the continuance of a business's workday or product production or protection. Associated uses such as equipment washing shall be deferred until the water emergency has been terminated.
- d. Surcharges as outlined in Section 23-124 may be implemented.
- e. Level 2 Water Emergency – Target: Achieve a 50% or reduction in daily water demand with the following water use restrictions:

During a Level 2 Water emergency, all requirements of Stages 1, 2, and 3 and Level 1 Water Emergency will remain in effect. The surcharges as outlined in Section 23-124 may be considered.

**Sec. 23-122. - Allocation and review committee.**

- (a) The allocation and review committee shall be composed of five (5) members appointed to indefinite terms by the city council and serving at its pleasure. The city council shall appoint one (1) of the members to be chairman.

(1) The committee shall consider requests of water users for special consideration to be given as to their respective particular circumstances and the committee shall hear and decide such requests and is hereby authorized to, in special cases, grant such variance from the terms of this division as will not be contrary to the public interest, where, owing to special conditions, a literal enforcement of the provisions of this division will result in unnecessary hardship, and so that the spirit of this division shall be observed and substantial justice done. Should a permit for special exception be granted by such committee, it shall be in effect from the time of granting; provided, that the permit is prominently posted on the premises within two (2) feet of the street number located on the premises. Should protests be received after the granting of any such special permit, the committee shall reconsider the revocation of such permit and shall consider the granting of such permit at a public hearing, notice of which shall have been given at least one (1) day prior to the holding of such hearing. After the conclusion of such hearing, the committee shall take such action, by way of revocation of such permit, or refusal to revoke the same, or modification of such permit, as the committee may deem proper under the circumstances.

**Sec. 23-123. - Violations, penalty and enforcement.**

- (a) Any person violating any provision of this division shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine as provided in article IV of this chapter. The commission of a violation of each provision, and each separate violation thereof, shall be deemed a separate offense, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined as hereinabove provided. If any person or a second person in the same household or premises is found guilty of a second violation of this article, the director of public works shall be authorized to discontinue water service to the premises where such violation occurs.
- (b) Any police officer, or other city employee designated by the city manager, may issue a citation to a person he reasonably believes to be in violation of this division. The citation shall be prepared in duplicate and shall contain the name and address of the alleged violator, if known, and the offense charged, and shall direct him to appear in the city's municipal court no sooner than ten (10) days and no later than twenty-one (21) days of service of the citation. The alleged violator shall be requested to sign the citation and shall be served with a copy of the citation. Service of the citation shall be complete upon the attempt to give it to the alleged violator, to an agent or employee of a violator, or to a person over fourteen (14) years of age who is a member of the violator's immediate family or is a resident at the violator's residence. The alleged violator shall appear in municipal court to make his plea no sooner than ten (10) days and no later than twenty-one (21) days of service of the citation, and failure to appear shall be a violation of this division. A police officer may arrest for any offense under this division when permitted by state arrest law. Such cases shall be expedited and given a preferential setting in municipal court before all other cases.
- (c) A person in apparent control of the property where the violation occurs or originates shall be presumed to be the violator, and proof of facts showing apparent control by such person of the premises and proof that the violation occurred on the premises shall constitute prima facie evidence that such person committed the violation, but such person shall have the right to show that he did not commit the violation. Any person whose name is on file with the utilities department as the customer on the water account for the property where the violation occurs or originates shall be presumed to be the violator, and proof that the violation occurred on such premises shall constitute prima facie evidence that the customer committed the violation, but such customer shall have the right to show that he did not commit the violation. Parents shall be presumed to be responsible for violations of their minor children, and proof that a child committed a violation on property within the parent's control shall constitute prima facie evidence that such

parent committed the violation, but such parent may be excused if he proves that he previously directed the child not to use the water as it was used in the violation and that the parent could not have reasonably known of the violation.

**Sec. 23-124. - Surcharges for Drought Stages 2, 3, and Water Emergencies and Service Measures**

a) General

- (1) The surcharges established herein are solely intended to regulate and deter the use of water during a period of serious drought in order to achieve necessary water conservation. The City Council finds that the drought poses a serious and immediate threat to the public and economic health and general welfare of this community and that the surcharges and other measures adopted herein are essential to protect said public health and welfare.
- (2) This section, and the surcharges and measures adopted herein, are an exercise of the City's regulatory and police power, and the surcharges and connection fees are conservation rates intended to meet fixed costs as a result of lost revenue.
- (3) With City Council approval, the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to determine trigger points or allocations and surcharges during Stages 2, 3, and a Water Emergency.
- (4) A customer may appeal a drought surcharge established under this Section to the Chief Operating Officer for Corpus Christi Water or designee on grounds of unnecessary hardship through the process outlined in Section 12.
- (5) Drought surcharge funds will first be applied towards annual debt service as reflected in the City operating budget to offset revenue loss due to drought conditions. Additional funds will be reported to the City Council and used to increase the debt service coverage ratio.

b) During Stage 2, the following surcharge will be added to the customer's bill

- (1) For all irrigation accounts, a surcharge of \$1.00 per 1,000 gallons will be added to the customers' bill.
- (2) For residential accounts, a surcharge of \$1.00 per 1,000 gallons over 7,000 gallons will be added to the customers' bill.
- (3) For commercial accounts, a surcharge of \$1.00 per 1,000 gallons over 55,000 gallons will be added to the customers' bill.
- (4) For large volume accounts a surcharge of \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons over 12,842,000 gallons will be added to the customers' bill.

c) During Stage 3 the following surcharge will be added to a customer's water bill:

- (1) For all irrigation accounts, a surcharge of \$2.00 per 1,000 gallons will be added to the customers' bill.
  - (2) For residential accounts, a surcharge of \$2.00 per 1,000 gallons over 7,000 gallons will be added to the customers' bill.
  - (3) For commercial accounts, a surcharge of \$2.00 per 1,000 gallons over 55,000 gallons will be added to the customers' bill.
- d) During a Water Emergency, the following surcharge will be added to a customer's water bill:
- (1) For all irrigation accounts, a surcharge of \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons will be added to the customers' bill.
  - (2) For residential accounts, a surcharge of \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons over 7,000 gallons will be added to the customers' bill.
  - (3) For commercial accounts, a surcharge of \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons over 55,000 gallons will be added to the customers' bill.
  - (4) For non-exempt large volume accounts a surcharge of \$12.00 per 1,000 gallons over 12,842,000 gallons will be added to the customers' bill.