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November 24, 2026

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

PUBLIC HEARING
WATER RESOURCES CORE SERVICE AREA
REVISIONS TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICTS AND THE MARINA DEL REY WATER SYSTEM TO PROHIBIT POTABLE WATER IRRIGATION OF NONFUNCTIONAL TURF PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1572
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 2, 3, AND 5)
(3-VOTES)

SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to adopt a resolution approving the proposed revisions to the Rules and Regulations of the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts and the Marina del Rey Water System to incorporate the requirements of California Water Code Section 10608.14, enacted by California Assembly Bill No. 1572, concerning the use of potable water to irrigate nonfunctional turf.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICTS AND THE MARINA DEL REY WATER SYSTEM AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Find that the proposed action is not a project and is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter.

2. Adopt the resolution amending the Rules and Regulations of the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts and the Marina del Rey Water System.

3. Find that the purpose of the amendments to the Rules and Regulations is to comply with California

Assembly Bill No. 1572.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to find that the proposed amendments are not a project and are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and to adopt a resolution amending the Rules and Regulations of the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts (Districts) and the Marina del Rey Water System to implement Water Code Section 10608.14, enacted by California Assembly Bill No. 1572 (AB 1572). The amendments would prohibit the use of potable water to irrigate nonfunctional turf on specified public, commercial, industrial, institutional, and common-area properties on a phased basis over the next 5 years, according to the compliance dates established by State law. Nonfunctional turf generally means turf that does not serve a recreational or community-space function and includes turf located within street rights of way and parking lots.

The use of potable water to irrigate nonfunctional turf will be prohibited on the following properties according to the applicable statutory dates:

• Properties owned by the California Department of General Services, local governments, local or regional public agencies, and public water systems, except qualifying properties in disadvantaged communities, beginning January 1, 2027.

• All other institutional properties and all commercial and industrial properties beginning January 1, 2028.

• Common areas of properties of homeowners' associations, common interest developments, community service organizations, and similar entities beginning January 1, 2029.

• Properties owned by local governments, local public agencies, and public water systems in disadvantaged communities beginning January 1, 2031, or the date upon which a State funding source is made available to fund conversion of nonfunctional turf on those properties to climate-appropriate landscapes, whichever is later.

The State Water Resources Control Board may, upon a showing of good cause, postpone an applicable compliance deadline by up to 3 years for certain persons, institutions, and businesses. Good cause may include economic hardship, critical business need, or potential impacts to human health or safety.

The prohibition generally does not apply to individually controlled residential yards. It applies, however, to covered common areas of homeowners' associations and similar entities beginning January 1, 2029. The prohibition also does not apply to the extent potable water is necessary to ensure the health of trees and other perennial, non-turf plantings or to address an immediate health-and-safety need.

AB 1572 also states the Legislature's intent not to limit irrigation of grasses grown for agricultural production.

Prohibiting the use of potable water to irrigate nonfunctional turf will help conserve water by reducing water waste and promoting sustainable water use.

These actions are required to comply with Water Code Section 10608.14, which was added by AB

1572. Prohibiting the irrigation of nonfunctional turf with potable water is a water conservation program within the meaning of Water Code Section 375 et seq. and therefore requires a noticed Public Hearing prior to adoption.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These recommendations support the County Strategy Plan: North Star 2, Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities, Focus Area Goal D, Sustainability, Strategy i, Climate Health, through reducing unnecessary potable water use in urban landscaping and improving water-supply reliability for the communities served by the Districts and the Marina del Rey Water System.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In October 2023, Governor Gavin Newsom signed into law AB 1572, which added Section 10608.14 to the California Water Code. It requires the prohibition of use of potable water for the irrigation of nonfunctional turf located on commercial, industrial, and institutional properties, other than cemeteries and common areas on properties of homeowners' associations, common interest developments, and community service organizations or similar entities on a phased basis over the next 5 years, according to the compliance dates established by State law. Nonfunctional turf is turf that is not used for recreational areas or community space.

Additionally, public water systems shall, by no later than January 1, 2027, revise their regulations governing water service to implement these changes and shall communicate the requirements to their customers. Notices will be sent to affected customer groups before their applicable implementation dates, and information regarding the proposed amendments and AB 1572 requirements will be posted on the Districts' website.

These revisions have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the California Water Code. Prohibiting the irrigation of nonfunctional turf with potable water is a water conservation program within the meaning of California Water Code Section 375 et seq. and therefore requires a noticed Public Hearing prior to adoption.

Notice of the time and place of the hearing must be published pursuant to California Government Code Section 6066, which states that the notice shall be published once a week for 2 successive weeks with at least 5 intervening days. Notice of adoption of the resolution must be published within 15 days after adoption pursuant to Section 376 of the California Water Code.

The Public Hearing shall be held pursuant to California Water Code Section 375 et seq. Notice of the time and place of the hearing (Enclosures B and C) was published pursuant to California Government Code Section 6066. Notice of Adoption (Enclosures B and D) will be published pursuant to Section 376 of the California Water Code.

County Counsel reviewed and approved the resolution amending the Rules and Regulations of the Districts and the Marina del Rey Water System (Enclosure A), reviewed the instructions for publishing the legal advertisements (Enclosure B), and the newspaper notices (Enclosures C and D) for the Notice of Public Hearing and Notice of Adoption.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed revisions to amend the Rules and Regulations of the Districts and the Marina del Rey Water System are not subject to CEQA because the proposed action is an activity that is excluded from the definition of a project by Section 21065 of the California Public Resources Code and is an administrative activity of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines. The activity is also covered by the common-sense exemption in CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) since it can be seen with certainty that the activity included in the resolution will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Upon the Board's approval of the recommended action, Public Works will file a Notice of Exemption with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk and with the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation and will post the notice to its website in accordance with Section 21092.2 of the California Public Resources Code.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects as a result of this action.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter and a signed resolution to Public Works, Waterworks Division.

Respectfully submitted,



MARK PESTRELLA, PE

Director

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Enclosures

c: Auditor-Controller
Chief Executive Office (Christine Frias, Cynthia Zapata)
County Counsel (Tiffani Shin)
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors

ENCLOSURE A

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICTS AND THE MARINA DEL REY WATER SYSTEM PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1572

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors (hereinafter referred to as BOARD) is the governing body of the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts and the Marina del Rey Water System (collectively, the "Districts and Marina del Rey Water System"); and

WHEREAS, Section 55333 of the California Water Code states that the Districts and Marina del Rey Water System may adopt and enforce all rules, regulations, and ordinances, which may be necessary and proper for the administration and government of the Districts and Marina del Rey Water System; and

WHEREAS, the BOARD adopted the Rules and Regulations of the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts and the Marina del Rey Water System (RULES AND REGULATIONS); and

WHEREAS, Section 10608.14 of the California Water Code was added by California Assembly Bill No. 1572 (hereinafter referred to as AB 1572), which was signed into law by Governor Newsom on October 13, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Districts and Marina del Rey Water System are required to amend the RULES AND REGULATIONS (Exhibit A) no later than January 1, 2027, to prohibit the use of potable water for irrigation of nonfunctional turf located on commercial, industrial, and institutional properties, other than cemeteries and common areas on properties of homeowners' associations, common interest developments, and community service organizations or similar entities pursuant to Section 10608.14 of the California Water Code; and

WHEREAS, nonfunctional turf is turf that is not used for recreational areas or community space, including turf located within street rights of way and parking lots; and

WHEREAS, the use of potable water to irrigate nonfunctional turf is wasteful and incompatible with State policy relating to climate change, water conservation, and reduced reliance on the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta ecosystem while climate change brings significant enduring reductions in California's water supply; and

WHEREAS, the BOARD finds it is necessary to prohibit potable water irrigation of nonfunctional turf to comply with AB 1572 and to help conserve water, reduce water

waste, and promote sustainable water use, which will improve water supply reliability for the communities served by the Districts and Marina del Rey Water System; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with California Government Code Section 6066, a Notice of a Public Hearing regarding the proposed amendments to the RULES AND REGULATIONS prohibiting the irrigation of nonfunctional turf with potable water pursuant to AB 1572 was published within the jurisdiction of the Districts and Marina del Rey Water System in 2 successive weeks with at least 5 days between the two publication dates; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with applicable law, a public hearing was held on November 24, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., or soon thereafter, at the Hearing Room of the Board of Supervisors, Room 381, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street (corner of Temple Street and Grand Avenue), Los Angeles, California 90012 and via live broadcast [https://bos.lacounty.gov/board-meeting-agendas/live-broadcast] in order to provide members of the public and other interested entities with the opportunity to be heard in connection with the proposed adoption of the amendments to the RULES AND REGULATIONS to prohibit potable water irrigation of nonfunctional turf pursuant to AB 1572 and issues related thereto; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, as the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts and the Marina del Rey Water System does hereby approve and adopt the amendments to the RULES AND REGULATIONS (Exhibit A).

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The foregoing Resolution was adopted on the _____ day of _____, 2026, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles as the governing body of the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts and the Marina del Rey Water System.

EDWARD YEN
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DAWYN R. HARRISON
County Counsel

By _____
Sr. Deputy

EXHIBIT A

AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICTS AND THE MARINA DEL REY WATER SYSTEM

SECTION 1. The following definitions are hereby added to Section A of Part 1 of the Rules and Regulations of the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts and the Marina Del Rey Water System:

1-A-52 COMMON AREA: That portion of a common interest development or of a property owned or managed by a homeowners' association or a community service organization or similar entity that is not assigned or allocated to the exclusive use of the occupants of an individual dwelling unit within the property.

1-A-53 COMMON INTEREST DEVELOPMENT: Any of the following: (a) a community apartment project; (b) a condominium project; (c) a planned development; or (d) a stock cooperative.

1-A-54 COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATION OR SIMILAR ENTITY: A nonprofit entity, other than an association, that is organized to provide services to residents of the common interest development or to the public in addition to the residents, to the extent community common area or facilities are available to the public. "Community service organization or similar entity" does not include an entity that has been organized solely to raise moneys and contribute to other nonprofit organizations that are qualified as tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and that provide housing or housing assistance.

1-A-55 COMMUNITY SPACE: An area designated by a property owner or a governmental agency to accommodate human foot traffic for civic, ceremonial, or other community events or social gatherings.

1-A-56 FUNCTIONAL TURF: A ground cover surface of turf located in a recreational use area or community space. Turf enclosed by fencing or other barriers to permanently preclude human access for recreation or assembly is not functional turf.

1-A-57 HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION: A nonprofit corporation or unincorporated association created for the purpose of managing a common interest development.

1-A-58 NONFUNCTIONAL TURF: Any turf that is not functional turf, and includes turf located within street rights of way and parking lots.

1-A-59 RECREATIONAL USE AREA: An area designated by a property owner or a governmental agency to accommodate human foot traffic for recreation, including, but not limited to, sports fields, golf courses, playgrounds, picnic

grounds, or pet exercise areas. This recreation may be either formal or informal.

SECTION 2. Rule 1-Y-1 of Section Y of Part 1 of the Rules and Regulations of the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts and the Marina Del Rey Water System is hereby amended as follows:

1-Y-1 THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA MANDATED WATER-USE ACTIVITY PROHIBITIONS FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICTS AND THE MARINA DEL REY WATER SYSTEM.

a. 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.

b. 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.

c. The application of potable water to driveways and sidewalks.

d. The use of potable water in a fountain or other decorative water feature, except where the water is part of a recirculating system.

e. The application of potable water to outdoor landscapes during and within 48 hours after measurable rainfall.

f. 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.

g. The irrigation with potable water of ornamental turf on public street medians.

h. The irrigation with potable water of landscapes outside of newly constructed homes and buildings in a manner inconsistent with regulations or other requirements established by the California Building Standards Commission and the Department of Housing and Community Development.

i. 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.

j. The use of potable water for the irrigation of nonfunctional turf shall be prohibited as provided below:

i. The use of potable water for the irrigation of nonfunctional turf located on commercial, industrial, and institutional properties, other than a cemetery, and on properties of homeowners' associations, common interest developments, and community service organizations or similar entities is prohibited as of the following dates:

1. All properties owned by the Department of General Services, beginning January 1, 2027.

2. All properties owned by local governments, local or regional public agencies, and public water systems, except those specified in paragraph (5), beginning January 1, 2027.

3. All other institutional properties and all commercial and industrial properties, beginning January 1, 2028.

4. All common areas of properties of homeowners' associations, common interest developments, and community service organizations or similar entities, beginning January 1, 2029.

5. All properties owned by local governments, local public agencies, and public water systems in a disadvantaged community (as defined by Water Code Section 10608.12), beginning January 1, 2031, or the date upon which a state funding source is made available to fund conversion of nonfunctional turf on these properties to climate-appropriate landscapes, whichever is later.

ii. Notwithstanding subdivision (i), the use of potable water is not prohibited by this section to the extent necessary to ensure the health of trees and other perennial nonturf plantings, or to the extent necessary to address an immediate health and safety need. Irrigation with potable water is not prohibited on functional turf, residential properties, and turf grown for agricultural production.

iii. The State Water Resources Control Board may, upon a showing of good cause for reasons including economic hardship, critical business need, and potential impacts to human health or safety, postpone a compliance deadline in subdivision (i) by up to three years for certain persons, institutions, and businesses.

ENCLOSURE B

INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR PUBLISHING
LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

TO: Executive Officer
Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles

FROM: Public Works
Waterworks Division

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REVISIONS TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICTS AND THE MARINA DEL REY WATER SYSTEM TO PROHIBIT POTABLE WATER IRRIGATION OF NONFUNCTIONAL TURF PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1572
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 2, 3, AND 5)

PUBLISHING

That the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors shall cause notice of the public hearing to be published pursuant to California Government Code Section 6066, which states that the publication of the notice shall be once a week for 2 successive weeks with at least 5 intervening days between the dates of first and last publication, not counting such publication dates, in the *Los Angeles Times, The Malibu Times, The Argonaut, The Santa Clarita Valley Signal, Acton-Agua Dulce News, Antelope Valley Press, and The Lake Los Angeles News* (local newspapers published and circulated in areas served by the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts and the Marina del Rey Water System), which are hereby designated for that purpose, such publication to be completed not less than 2 weeks prior to the date of said hearing. (Enclosure C)

Additionally, the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors shall cause notice of adoption to be published pursuant to Section 376 of the California Water Code, which states that within 15 days after adoption of the resolution, a newspaper advertisement of at least one-quarter of a page shall be published in the same newspapers. The advertisement shall include information about the adopted resolution, where the public may obtain copies of the complete resolution and the names of those members voting for and against the resolution. Upon adoption of the resolution, Public Works shall send the final advertisement to the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors on the same day of the public hearing. (Enclosure D)

Forward five reprints of the attached advertisements to the Los Angeles County Public Works, Waterworks Division, Post Office Box 1460, Alhambra, California 91802-1460.

Should there be any questions regarding this matter, please contact Ramy Gindi at (626) 300-3338, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Attach.

ENCLOSURE C

NEWSPAPER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE REVISIONS TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICTS AND THE MARINA DEL REY WATER SYSTEM TO PROHIBIT POTABLE WATER IRRIGATION OF NONFUNCTIONAL TURF PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1572 (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 2, 3, AND 5)

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on November 24, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., in the Hearing Room of the Board of Supervisors, Room 381, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street (corner of Temple Street and Grand Avenue), Los Angeles, California 90012, in the matter of requesting the Board to adopt the resolution to amend the Rules and Regulations of the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts and the Marina del Rey Water System to prohibit the use of potable water to irrigate nonfunctional turf located on commercial, industrial, and institutional properties, other than cemeteries and common areas of properties of homeowners' associations, common interest developments, community service organizations, and similar entities on a phased basis over the next 5 years. Nonfunctional turf is turf that is not used for recreational areas or community space. The action is required to comply with California Water Code Section 10608.14, which was added by California Assembly Bill No. 1572.

Additional information can be found at: https://pw.lacounty.gov/core-service-areas/water-resources/waterworks-districts/.

The Board of Supervisors will consider and may approve these actions as recommended by the Director of Public Works. For information regarding this matter, please call (626) 300-3338.

Para más información relacionada con esta noticia, por favor llame al Departamento de Obras Públicas al (626) 300-3384, de Lunes a Jueves, 7 a.m. a 5 p.m.

ENCLOSURE D

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AMENDING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICTS AND THE MARINA DEL REY WATER SYSTEM TO PROHIBIT POTABLE WATER IRRIGATION OF NONFUNCTIONAL TURF PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1572 (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 2, 3, AND 5)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 24, 2026, following a duly noticed public hearing, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, acting as the governing body of the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts and the Marina del Rey Water System, adopted a resolution amending the Rules and Regulations of the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts and the Marina del Rey Water System to prohibit the use of potable water to irrigate nonfunctional turf on commercial, industrial, and institutional properties, other than cemeteries and common areas of properties of homeowners' associations, common interest developments, community service organizations, and similar entities on a phased basis over the next 5 years. The amendments are required to comply with California Water Code Section 10608.14, which was added by California Assembly Bill No. 1572.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors _____.

NOES: Supervisors _____.

ABSENT: Supervisors _____.

ABSTAIN: Supervisors _____.

Copies of the complete resolution and additional information regarding this matter may be obtained from Los Angeles County Public Works by calling (626) 300-3338 or by visiting https://pw.lacounty.gov/core-service-areas/water-resources/waterworks-districts/.

Para más información relacionada con esta noticia, por favor llame al Departamento de Obras Públicas al (626) 300-3384, de Lunes a Jueves, 7 a.m. a 5 p.m.