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- (c) The existence of a Drought Response Level 4 condition may be declared upon recommendation by the City Manager and resolution of the City Council and in accordance with the procedures specified in California Water Code Sections 351 and 352. The mandatory conservation measures applicable to Drought Response Level 4 conditions will take effect on the tenth day after the date the response level is declared. Within five days following the declaration of the response level, the City Manager will publish a notice giving the extent, terms and conditions respecting the use and consumption of water in the City's official newspaper. If the City Council adopts a water allocation, the City Manager will publish notice of the allocation in the City's official newspaper. Water allocation will be effective on the fifth day following the date of publication or at such later date as specified in the notice.
- (d) The City of San Diego may declare an end to Drought Response Levels 1, 2, 3 and 4 upon recommendation of the City Manager and resolution by the City Council at any regular or special meeting of the City Council.

(Renumbered from Sec. 67.38.8 and amended 10-19-1998 by O-18596 N.S.)

(Former Section 67.3809 repealed and added "Procedures for Determination and Notification of Drought Response Level" 12-15-08 by O-19812 N.S; effective 1-14-2009.)

§67.3810 Hardship Variance

- (a) If, due to unique circumstances, a specific requirement of this Division would result in undue hardship to a *customer* using City of San Diego water or to property upon which City of San Diego water is used, that is disproportionate to the impacts to City of San Diego water users generally or to similar property or classes of water uses, then the *customer* may apply for a variance to the requirements as provided in this Section.
- (b) The variance may be granted or conditionally granted, only upon a written finding of the existence of facts demonstrating an undue hardship to a *customer* using City of San Diego water or to property upon which City of San Diego water is used, that is disproportionate to the impacts to City of San Diego water users generally or to similar property or classes of water user due to specific and unique circumstances of the user or the user's property.

(1) Application.

Application for a variance will be in written form prescribed by the City Manager and will be accompanied by a non-refundable processing fee in an amount set by resolution of the City Council.

(2) Supporting Documentation.

The written application will be accompanied by photographs, maps, drawings, or other pertinent information as applicable, including a written statement of the applicant.

(3) Approval Authority.

The City Manager will exercise approval authority and act upon any completed application after submittal and may approve, conditionally approve, or deny the variance. The applicant requesting the variance will be promptly notified in writing of any action taken. The decision of the City Manager is final. Unless specified otherwise at the time a variance is approved, the variance applies to the subject property during the term of the mandatory *drought* response.

(4) Required Findings for Variance.

(A) Except as set forth in Section 67.3810(B), an application for a variance will be denied unless the approving authority finds, based on the information provided in the application, supporting documents, or such additional information as may be requested, and on water use information for the property as shown by the records of the City of San Diego, all of the following:

- (i) that the variance does not constitute a grant of special privilege inconsistent with the limitations upon other City of San Diego *customers*; and
- (ii) that because of special circumstances applicable to the property or its use, the strict application of this Division would have a disproportionate impact on the property or use that exceeds the impacts to *customers* generally; and

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- (iii) that the authorizing of such variance will not be of substantial detriment to adjacent properties, and will not materially affect the ability of the City of San Diego to effectuate the purpose of this Division and will not be detrimental to the public interest; and
 - (iv) that the condition or situation of the subject property or the intended use of the property for which the variance is sought is not common, recurrent or general in nature.
 - (B) An application for a variance will be denied unless the approving authority finds, based on the information provided in the application, supporting documents, or such additional information as may be requested, and on water use information for the property as shown by the records of the City of San Diego, either of the following:
 - (i) that the property has been adversely impacted by a *disaster*; or
 - (ii) that proposed alternative water use restrictions for the property would result in greater water savings than the existing water use restrictions.
- (5) No relief will be granted to any *customer* for any reason in the absence of a showing by the *customer* that the *customer* has achieved the maximum practical reduction in water consumption in the *customer's* residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, agricultural or governmental water consumption.

(Renumbered from Sec. 67.38.9 on 10-19-1998 by O-18596 N.S.)

(Former Section 67.3810 repealed and added "Hardship Variance" 12-15-08 by O-19812 N.S; effective 1-14-2009.)

(Amended 10-28-2009 by O-19904 N.S; effective 11-27-2009.)

§67.3811 Violations and Penalties

It is unlawful for any *customer* to violate the mandatory provisions of this Division. Violations are subject to criminal, civil, and administrative penalties and remedies as provided in Chapter 1 of this Code. In addition, service of water may be discontinued or appropriately limited through the installation of flow-restricting devices to any *customer* who willfully uses water in violation of this Division.

(Renumbered from Sec. 67.39 and retitled to “Publication of Terms of Water Use” on 10-19-1998 by O-18596 N.S.)

(Former Section 67.3811 repealed and added “Violations and Penalties” 12-15-08 by O-19812 N.S; effective 1-14-2009.)