

# **STINSON BEACH COUNTY WATER DISTRICT ORDINANCE NO. GB-2021-02 WATER RATIONING ORDINANCE SUMMARY**

The District prepared a water drought resolution in 2013/2014 in response to the last drought. For this latest drought the District revised the previous ordinance. The essence of the resolution stays the same. The trigger point stays the same as before, the inability to keep the water storage tanks at 70% for 7 days in a row. The ordinance includes rules and regulations for reduced water consumption including restricted allotments, a new drought excess water use charge, and fines for exceeding the allotment.

Notifications to the public have been completed per Proposition 218 requirements, including 45-day postal mail notice to all customers, public postings in Stinson Beach, and advertisements in the *Point Reyes Light* and *Marin Independent Journal*.

The Board adopted the ordinance unanimously at the meeting of Saturday, August 21, 2021, after a public hearing.

The maximum allotment for all residential accounts is 125 gallons/day. Additional allotments can be approved by the General Manager if the residence has more than 3 persons residing there or for special needs. Commercial accounts must voluntarily reduce water usage by 20% as compared to the same month in 2019.

A new drought excess water use charge will be imposed in addition to the water usage charge. The drought excess water use charge is \$100 per 100 cubic feet of water used in excess of the allotment established for each property.

The proposed fines for exceeding the allotment for that property are as follows: after the first month of violation customers receive a written warning only. The second month, the fine is \$100. The third month is \$500.

As of today, Monday, August 23, the storage tanks are at 89.5%.

AYE: Baskin, Boucke, Cross, Nelsen and Zell

NAY: None