

Proposed Drought Contingency Plan

AT A GLANCE

Below is quick view of who the proposed plan affects, as well as when and why.

Who it affects



Surcharge is only geared towards **high-use irrigators**, signaling conservation.

Who is not affected



73% of customers (non-irrigation) will **not be affected** by surcharges.

When it's happening



Council readings on August 10 & 24 and will be effective **Fall 2026** (if approved)

Why it's happening



Syncing trigger levels with the Edwards Aquifer Authority to **improve clarity**.

WHAT'S CHANGING?

Expanded operational flexibility to respond to broader drought conditions.



The plan adds **Stage 4** and **Stage 5** to create defined strategies for worst-case scenarios.



Updated surcharge amounts during severe drought Stages (3-4): From \$1.00/\$2.00 per thousand gallons to \$4.18/\$4.89 per thousand gallons.



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WHAT'S NOT CHANGING?



No drought surcharge to essential use water customers of less than 6,000 gallons a month.



There are no drought surcharges during Stage 0 through Stage 2.



Surcharges are only triggered in Stage 3 and above and end once conditions have improved.

TIMELINE

Keep track of when decisions take place.

NBU Board
Project
Preview

Aug. 2025

NBU Board
Presentation

Jan. 2026

City Council
Presentation

Jul. 2026

City Council
Second
Reading

Aug. 24, 2026

Sept.-Dec. 2025

Community
Advisory
Panel

Feb. 2026

NBU Board
Approval

Aug. 10, 2026

City Council
First Reading

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Strong communities start with smart water use

Small, water-saving actions keep our water future strong.

- Water early in the morning or later in the evening
- Fix leaks promptly
- Avoid watering sidewalks, driveways, and streets
- Choose drought-tolerant landscaping when possible
- Stay informed about current drought stages

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