

## Re: Activation of Stage 1 Mandatory Water Conservation and Public Meeting<sup>1</sup>

Dear Valued Customer:

On June 10, 2022, SCE submitted a Tier 2 Advice Letter with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to activate Stage 1 of SCE's Schedule 14.1 Staged Mandatory Water Conservation and Rationing Plan (Water Rationing Plan) for the Catalina Island water system.<sup>2</sup> SCE is activating Stage 1 because the water level in the Middle Ranch Reservoir is forecast to drop below the 600-acre-foot level in June 2022.

**Effective July 11, 2022, Stage 1 Mandatory Water Conservation will be in effect.** Stage 1 includes restrictions and prohibitions on non-essential water use. Key Stage 1 restrictions and prohibitions include, but are not limited to, the following<sup>3</sup>:

- Use of potable water through any meter when SCE has notified the customer in writing to repair a leak.
- Use of potable water 1) that results in flooding or runoff, 2) for washing buildings, structures, and other hard-surfaced areas, 3) washing of private or commercial cars or other vehicles except with the use of a positive action shut-off nozzle, three-gallon bucket, or fixed equipment to avoid wasteful use, 4) for construction purposes, 5) watering or irrigation except by drip irrigation or using a positive action shut-off nozzle or three-gallon bucket, and 6) for the filling or refilling of swimming pools, spas, hot tubs, or decorative fountains.
- Operation of commercial car washes without recycling at least 50% of the water used per cycle.
- Service of water by any restaurant except upon the request of a patron.
- Use of fresh water from fire hydrants, at any time, for any purpose other than fire suppression.
- Use of potable water to irrigate ornamental turf on public medians.
- Use of potable water to irrigate landscapes during and within 48 hours of measurable rainfall.
- Use of potable water to irrigate 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.
- Operators of hotel, motels or similar business establishments providing overnight accommodations shall provide guests with the option of choosing not to have towels and linens laundered daily. The operators of these establishments shall prominently display notice of this option in each guestroom using clear and easily understood language.
- Watering or irrigation is limited to the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., during the period Pacific Daylight Time is in effect, and 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., during the period Pacific Standard Time is in effect.

### Enforcement and Appeal Procedure

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<sup>1</sup> Los usuarios con acceso al internet podrán leer y descargar esta notificación en español en el sitio web de SCE [www.sce.com/avisos](http://www.sce.com/avisos) o escriba a Southern California Edison Company, P.O. Box 800, 2244 Walnut Grove Avenue, Rosemead, CA 91770. Atención: Comunicaciones Corporativas.

<sup>2</sup> To obtain a copy of SCE's Tier 2 Advice Letter, please visit [www.sce.com/adviceletters](http://www.sce.com/adviceletters).

<sup>3</sup> For a full list of restrictions and prohibitions on non-essential water use in effect under Stage 1 Mandatory Conservation, please refer to Section C.1 of Schedule 14.1 – Staged Mandatory Conservation and Rationing at [www.sce.com/regulatory/tariff-books/santa-catalina-gas-water-tariffs](http://www.sce.com/regulatory/tariff-books/santa-catalina-gas-water-tariffs). Click Rate Schedules, then click General, then click WATER\_SCHEDULES\_14\_1.

If a customer is observed using water for any nonessential or unauthorized use, SCE may charge a violation fine in accordance with Section E of Schedule 14.1.<sup>4</sup>

Any customer requesting a variance needs to notify SCE in writing at P.O. Box 527, Avalon, CA 90704, explaining the reason for such a variation. If the customer disagrees with SCE's decision regarding the variance, the customer may file a complaint with the CPUC by visiting [www.cpuc.ca.gov](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov).

**Conservation Devices**

SCE will make water conservation devices available to customers receiving residential service at Avalon City Hall or upon request by contacting SCE via email at [catalinawater@sce.com](mailto:catalinawater@sce.com). These devices can help you save water without impacting your comfort.

**Public Meeting**

SCE will hold a public meeting to provide information on the mandatory conservation measures and the availability of water conservation devices. The public meeting will occur during the normally scheduled Avalon City Council meeting:

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday, July 19, 2022	5:00 p.m.	Avalon City Hall Council Chambers 410 Avalon Canyon Rd., Avalon, CA 90704  Webcast: <a href="http://www.cityofavalon.com/meetings">http://www.cityofavalon.com/meetings</a> Telecast: Catalina Broadband Solutions Channel 3

We appreciate your compliance with these measures, which can help you and our island community during this drought. For additional information on SCE's Water Rationing Plan, please visit [www.sce.com/Catalina](http://www.sce.com/Catalina).

Sincerely,

Ronald Hite  
Catalina District Manager  
Southern California Edison Company

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<sup>4</sup> Customers who violate any water use restrictions will be subject to the following fines: (1) First offense: Written warning; (2) Second offense: \$50; (3) Third offense: \$100; (4) Each additional offense: \$100 more than the previous fine imposed, not to exceed \$500. SCE may, after one written warning, install a flow-restricting device on the service line of any customer observed by SCE personnel to be using water for any non-essential or unauthorized use pursuant to Rule 14.1, Section C.2.