

Table 5.9 (DWR Table 35)
Water Shortage Contingency – Rationing Stages^a to Address Water Supply Shortages

Stage No.	Water Supply Conditions	% Shortage
Continuous	Water Waste Prohibited	NA
1 Normal Conditions	Prohibition against runoff from site	10%
	Prohibition against irrigating non-landscaped property except to mitigate fire risk	
	Inspection/repair/adjustment of irrigation systems	
	Shutoff nozzle required on hoses used for vehicle washing	
2 Minor Water Supply Shortage	Encouragement to report water leaks/waste	20%
	All Stage 1 Restrictions	
	Designated irrigation days	
	Prohibition against washing hard surfaces except to mitigate fire or sanitation concerns	
3 Severe Water Supply Shortage	Restaurant water service on request	30%
	All Stage 1 and 2 Restrictions	
	Weekend irrigation prohibition	
	Prohibition against filling outdoor swimming pools	
4 Critical Water Supply	Prohibition against operating non-recirculating fountains and ornamental water features	40%
	All Stage 1, 2 and 3 Restrictions	
	Outdoor irrigation limited to once per week	
	Prohibition against water use for landscaping for new construction	
5 Water Emergency	Prohibition against hydrant use except for fire fighting	50%
	All Stage 1, 2, 3 and 4 Restrictions	
	Prohibition against water use for other than domestic and commercial purposes (no irrigation)	
	Prohibition against water use for construction dust control	
	Prohibition against hydrant flushing	
	Prohibition against water use for air conditioning where an alternate source of fresh air is available	