

**WATER CONSERVATION ORDER
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF COTTONWOOD WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, Cottonwood Water and Sanitation District (“District”) is a special district and political subdivision of the State of Colorado, acting pursuant to certain powers set forth in the Colorado Special District Act, §§ 32-1-101, *et seq.*, C.R.S.; and

WHEREAS, the District is empowered by § 32-1-1001(1)(m), C.R.S., to adopt, amend, and enforce rules and regulations for carrying on the business and affairs of the District and has adopted such rules and regulations (the “Rules”); and

WHEREAS, District Rule 10.1 states that “waste of water shall not be permitted” and Rule 10.2.1 authorizes the Board of Directors (“Board”) to adopt water conservation orders if the Board determines that such orders will “promote the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants, property owners and visitors for the District;” and

WHEREAS, Rule 10.2.2 authorizes the District Manager to institute water conservation orders regulating or curtailing the uses of water by those served by the District’s water system upon a determination by the District Manager “that the District is facing an immediate shortage in its water supply that threatens the health, welfare, and/or safety of the inhabitants, property owners and visitors of the District and requires immediate action;” and

WHEREAS, the District Manager has made such a determination; and

WHEREAS, water conservation orders are subject to Board approval; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the District held a public hearing at a public meeting on April 16, 2026, to take public comments and hear staff recommendations on this proposed Water Conservation Order, following notice posted on the District’s website in advance of the meeting; and

WHEREAS, the District has limited sources of water supply, and the Board recognizes that more extreme and dry summer weather conditions and increased summer demand for outdoor irrigation are leading to increased water usage by users within the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that dry winter weather conditions last winter led to drier conditions and reduced the water supply expected to be available in summer 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that some water users are wasting water by irrigating their lawns and plants more frequently than needed for the health of the plants and during daytime hours, which is less efficient; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the District will be facing an immediate shortage in its supply of water that could threaten the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants and visitors of

the District if water users continue their high volume and wasteful watering habits through the end of the water year; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that it is necessary to take immediate action to implement this Water Conservation Order to regulate and adopt limitations on outdoor watering.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordered by the Board of Directors of Cottonwood Water and Sanitation District:

1. The Board hereby adopts the Mandatory Water Restrictions for Water Conservation, attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein, effective immediately, which shall stay in effect until October 31, 2026 or until lifted by Order of the Board of Directors of the District. All users of the District's water system are required to comply with the restrictions.
2. The District's Manager is directed to post a copy of this Order on the District's website and mail to all water users the District (or email for those water customers receiving electronic bills) a summary of the restrictions contained in the water conservation order that contains a reference to the full conservation order on the District's.
3. The District's Manager is authorized to enforce this Order in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the District, as they may be amended, and to impose penalties for violations of the water conservation restrictions, which may include fines and/or suspension of water services.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD this 16th day of April, 2026.



Linda Dillon, President
Cottonwood Water and Sanitation District

ATTEST:



William C. Thomas, Secretary

Exhibit A

Conservation Measure	STAGE 1	STAGE 2	STAGE 3	STAGE 4
Outdoor monthly allocation reduction (%)	0.0%	0.0%	Up to 25%	26% - 100%
Lawn irrigation is allowed only between	May 1 - Oct. 31	May 1 - Oct. 31	May 1 - Oct. 31	TBD by BoDD
Lawns shall be watered no more than	3 x Week	2 x Week	TBD by BoDD	TBD by BoDD
Lawn irrigation shall occur between 6:00 pm and 9:00 am	6:00 PM - 9:00 AM	7:00 PM -7:00 AM	9:00 PM - 6:00 AM	TBD By BoDD
Watering of trees may occur during the daytime	✓	✓	✓	✓
Planter beds may be hand watered outside of the hours noted above to avoid damaging perennial landscaping.	✓	✓	✓	✓
Do not waste water by allowing it to pool in gutters and streets	✓	✓	✓	✓
Do not waste water by letting it spray 3 feet beyond the designated irrigated area	✓	✓	✓	✓
Leaking sprinkler systems shall be repaired	Within 10 Days	Within 7 Days	Within 4 Days	TBD By BoDD
Do not water while it is raining or during high winds	✓	✓	✓	✓
New turf installation may be allowed additional watering through a new turf variance ("NTV") issued by the district	May 1 - Oct. 31	May 1 - Oct. 31	TBD By BoDD	TBD By BoDD