

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT INCORPORATING STATE-MANDATED RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF POTABLE WATER TO IRRIGATE NON-FUNCTIONAL TURF (AB 1572)

WHEREAS, Palmdale Water District (“District”) is a water district empowered to provide water service within District boundaries; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 1572 (AB 1572), titled “Potable water: nonfunctional turf,” was chaptered into state law on October 13, 2023; and

WHEREAS, AB 1572 prohibits the use of potable water to irrigate nonfunctional turf on commercial, industrial, and institutional (CII) properties, as well as on common areas maintained by homeowners’ associations (HOAs), community service organizations, and common-interest developments; and

WHEREAS, AB 1572 defines nonfunctional turf as ornamental grass irrigated with potable water that serves no recreational, community, or civic purpose; and

WHEREAS, the bill requires public water systems to update their policies, ordinances, or regulations to incorporate AB 1572 requirements and ensure that affected customers are informed of the potable water prohibition; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Rules and Regulations Appendix O (Waste of Water Policy) requires amendment to reflect these state-mandated prohibitions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District as follows:

Section 1: Findings: The Board of Directors of the District hereby finds and declares as follows:

1. Assembly Bill 1572 (Potable water: nonfunctional turf) was enacted on October 13, 2023, and prohibits the use of potable water to irrigate nonfunctional turf on commercial, industrial, institutional, and specified common-area properties.
2. AB 1572 requires public water systems to update their regulations, ordinances, or policies to incorporate these prohibitions and communicate them to customers.
3. The District’s Rules and Regulations Appendix O (Waste of Water Policy) must be amended to reflect these requirements.

4. Adoption of this resolution is necessary to ensure compliance with state law and support consistent enforcement of potable water restrictions.

Section 2: Amendment of Appendix O

Appendix O of the District's Rules and Regulations is hereby amended to include a new section titled: "Prohibition on Potable Water Use for Nonfunctional Turf (AB 1572)"

The section shall incorporate the following requirements:

A. Potable Water Prohibition

The use of potable water to irrigate nonfunctional turf is prohibited in accordance with the following statutory compliance schedule:

- January 1, 2027: State and local government properties.
- January 1, 2028: Commercial, industrial, and institutional (CII) properties.
- January 1, 2029: Homeowners' association (HOA) and common-interest development common areas.
- January 1, 2031: Local government properties located in disadvantaged communities, unless delayed due to lack of state funding.

B. Exempt Uses

Potable water may continue to be used for:

- Irrigation required to sustain trees and perennial non-turf landscape plants.
- Health and safety purposes, including fire suppression and erosion control.
- Cemeteries, parks, sports fields, and other public assembly or recreation areas.
- Agricultural irrigation.

C. Enforcement

Violations of this section shall be enforced in accordance with the District's Waste of Water Policy. Administrative penalties may be imposed up to \$1,000 per violation, as authorized under state law.

D. Compliance Extensions

The State Water Resources Control Board may grant compliance extensions of up to three years for documented economic hardship, critical business need, or health and safety concerns.

E. Penalties for Nonfunctional Turf Violations

The following penalty structure applies specifically to violations of this section:

1. First violation: Warning and educational materials.
2. Second violation: Warning and educational materials.
3. Third violation: \$500 fine and educational materials.
4. Fourth violation: \$1,000 fine and educational materials.
5. Fifth and subsequent violations: \$1,000 per violation.

Section 3: Implementation and Coordination

The District shall implement the requirements of AB 1572 through updates to its internal procedures, customer communication materials, and development-review processes.

The District shall coordinate with the City of Palmdale and other appropriate agencies to ensure that proposed landscape and irrigation plans comply with the potable-water restrictions applicable to nonfunctional turf.

Section 4: Effective Date

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Palmdale Water District held on March 23, 2026, by the following vote:

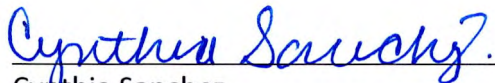
AYES: President Mac Laren-Gomez, Directors Kellerman, Wilson, Sanchez, Dino

NOES:

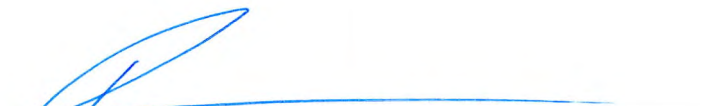
ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:


Kathy Mac Laren-Gomez,
President, Board of Directors


Cynthia Sanchez,
Secretary, Board of Directors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Aleshire & Wynder, LLP, District Legal Counsel