

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



ITEM: 3.48
(ID # 19292)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, June 07, 2022

FROM : SUPERVISOR KEVIN JEFFRIES:

SUBJECT: Subject: SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES: Implement Measures to Combat Drought at County Facilities and on County-Owned Properties. [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct County Executive Officer to Work with Department Heads to Reduce Water Usage at County Facilities and on County-Owned Properties

ACTION:Policy


Supervisor Kevin Jeffries, vice Chair 6/2/2022

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Spiegel seconded by Supervisor Perez and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: June 7, 2022
xc: BOS-Dist 1, E.O.

Kecia R. Harper
Clerk of the Board

By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A			Budget Adjustment:	NO
			For Fiscal Year:	N/A

BACKGROUND: California is experiencing the driest year in recorded history, and Riverside County is similarly enduring severe drought conditions, with just barely over an inch of rain falling since January 1st (measured at UC Riverside). This drought is threatening our state hydropower supply, draining our reservoirs, and creating severe wildfire conditions, even before the official start of Summer.

While the County of Riverside and Board of Supervisors are not directly responsible for water usage in our region, and official drought restrictions/limitations are the jurisdiction of locally elected water agencies, Riverside County is a major user of water, and should set an example for the community of water conservation wherever possible.

If approved, this item would direct the County Executive Officer to work with Department Heads who own or manage facilities or property on behalf of the County, and evaluate and implement efforts to reduce exterior water usage on non-functional landscaping at County facilities (excluding recreational area) and in improved County right-of-ways. These efforts should protect trees wherever possible, and consider long-term damage to landscaping in the process of evaluating options in the short term. This review should also look for opportunities to replace heavy water using landscape with drought tolerant alternatives moving forward, to create long-term reductions in water usage by the County.

Impact on Residents and Businesses: By reducing the water usage, the County of Riverside can help mitigate the impact of the drought and demonstrate the necessity of conservation during this crisis.