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**CITY OF NEWPORT
WATER USE RESTRICTIONS STILL IN EFFECT**

The City of Newport Water Treatment Plant has been having difficulty meeting water demand, and the city has reached a point where it is necessary to enact water use restrictions. Those restrictions follow:

1. Use of irrigation systems for lawns, gardens, and landscaping is prohibited. Hand-watering is allowed.
2. The outdoor washing of equipment, vehicles, pavement, or other facilities is prohibited unless required for public health or safety.
3. The filling of pools and spas (hot tubs) is prohibited.
4. The operation of fountains and waterfalls is prohibited.
5. The irrigation of public lands is prohibited.
6. The flushing of water lines and firefighting drills involving water consumption is prohibited.
7. Hotels/motels, restaurants, gyms, and similar businesses are required to post notices regarding mandatory conservation measures.
8. Commercial laundry should be consolidated and delayed to the extent possible.

All residents and businesses are required to fully participate in curtailing water use pursuant to the provisions noted above.

These water restrictions are due to unplanned repairs that affect the City of Newport Water Treatment Plant. City staff is working with the Pall Corporation, manufacturer of the filters utilized at the Water Treatment Plant, and engineers from HDR Engineering, which

is the firm that designed the plant. Staff has been working and monitoring the plant around the clock. The filter cleaning measures that were utilized did not produce the anticipated results. Because the problem has yet to be identified, the city cannot meet its water demand for normal usage at this time. As a result of this, all residents and businesses are required to adhere to these water restrictions. Major water users such as fish processing plants have had to cease operation until the problem is resolved. This is an evolving situation.

The City of Newport thanks its residents and businesses for working together to resolve this very serious situation.

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