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### **PRESS RELEASE**

#### **CITY COUNCIL EXPANDS MANDATORY WATER RESTRICTIONS**

On May 18<sup>th</sup>, in response to the Emergency Regulation adopted by the State Water Resource Control Board, Healdsburg City Council voted to expand the Stage 2 mandatory water conservation measures originally enacted in January 2014. Council voted to implement a resolution to limit outdoor irrigation of ornamental landscaping or turf to no more than two days a week. Watering of ornamental landscaping and turf is only allowed on Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 8 pm and 7am. This is in addition to the following mandatory water conservation measures that remain in effect:

- Routinely inspect for and repair irrigation leaks
- Correct and repair plumbing leaks within 72 hours of discovery or notification
- Adjust irrigation valve run-time to account for fluctuation in weather and to avoid runoff
- Use of water from a fire hydrant for non-emergency uses is prohibited
- Use of potable water for construction purposes is prohibited
- Washing of sidewalks, walkways, driveways and other hard-surfaced areas is prohibited
- Washing motor vehicles without using a hose equipped with an automatic shut-off is prohibited
- Irrigating turf or ornamental landscapes during and 48 hours following measureable precipitation is prohibited
- Water may only be served upon request at restaurants and other food/beverage service establishments
- Operators of hotels/motels must provide guests with the option of choosing not to have towels and linens laundered daily
- Irrigating ornamental turf on public street medians with potable water is prohibited

To help residents conserve water, the City of Healdsburg is providing the following rebates and incentives: direct install toilet program; low flow toilet rebate; CEE Tier 3 clothes washer rebate; lawn conversion rebate; irrigation system audit (coming June 2015); irrigation system equipment rebate (coming June 2015); home water audit (coming June 2015). In addition, we are offering an educational water conservation series. Scheduled workshops will be held at City Hall from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm and will include:

- May 20th – How to Inspect & Evaluate the Performance of your Current Irrigation System *provided by GardenWorks*
- May 28th – How Will Mandatory Water Restrictions Impact you? *provided by City of Healdsburg*
- June 3rd – Basic Principles of Drought Tolerant Landscaping *provided by GardenWorks*
- June 10th – Landscape Water Budgeting and Irrigation Efficiency *provided by GardenWorks*

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