

RESOLUTION 92-63  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
ADOPTING A WATER DEMAND MANAGEMENT POLICY

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Fort Collins has previously determined that it is in the best interest of the City that a Water Demand Management Committee review the current policies and practices of the City regarding water demand management and to make recommendations regarding any suggested changes; and

WHEREAS, the Council created said committee with Resolution 90-24, dated February 20, 1990; and

WHEREAS, the Water Demand Management Committee, after extensive review and discussion, has made a recommendation to augment the water supply policy, created by Resolution 88-205, dated December 20, 1988, with the adoption of this water demand management policy; and

WHEREAS, the proper use of the resource of water is essential in maintaining the public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Collins has historically placed primary emphasis on water supply and has previously adopted a policy to maintain a supply sufficient to meet the demand during a 1 in 50 year type drought; and

WHEREAS, water is a limited and vital resource which must be used efficiently and wisely; and

WHEREAS, water conservation should be an integral part of a long-term water supply and demand management program; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of additional conservation practices will benefit the City of Fort Collins by helping to assure continued reliable short and long term supplies of high quality, reasonably-priced water.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. That the following water demand management policies be adopted:

1. Project a water conservation "ethic". The City should initiate and intensify activities that demonstrate a commitment to the efficient and wise use of water.
2. Public education. The community's awareness of the importance of using water efficiently should be reinforced and strengthened.
3. Defer water treatment plant expansion. Deferring expansion of the water treatment plant--without jeopardizing future needs--should be a goal of water demand management.
4. Permitting compliance. Water use efficiency within the city should be improved in order to ensure compliance with anticipated federal

and state permitting requirements for water-use efficiency, applicable to future supply expansion projects.

5. Appearance of landscaping. The attractive appearance of the community's public and private landscapes should be maintained and encouraged.

Section 2. That the following water demand management goals be adopted:

1. Improve, document, and publicize the City government's water use efficiency, such that we can encourage the public through positive leadership.
2. Lower the adjusted per capita peak daily demand from the current 605 gpc to 575 gpc by the year 1996 (5% reduction), 545 gpc by the year 2000 (10% reduction), and 502 gpc by the year 2010 (17% reduction).
3. Lower the adjusted per capita annual consumption from the current 235 gpcd to 223 gpcd by the year 1996 (5% reduction), 211 gpcd by the year 2000 (10% reduction), and 195 gpcd by the year 2010 (17% reduction).
4. Review progress in meeting goals and objectives on an annual basis, and make adjustments as necessary.

Section 3. That, in order to meet the above-stated goals, staff is hereby directed to implement the following measures, as recommended by the Water Demand Management Committee, and take such other actions as may be reasonably necessary to accomplish such goals:

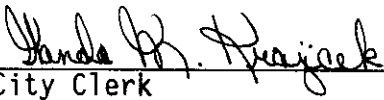
1. Implement an ongoing leak detection program.
2. Perform an audit of indoor water use at City-owned facilities, and install more water-efficient plumbing fixtures, where determined to be cost-effective.
3. By the end of 1994, install meters on all City department water taps, and assess 100% of the associated water and wastewater service charges. Additionally, assess City departments that rent water at 100% of the current rental rate.
4. Institute a more aggressive, comprehensive and visible public education campaign on water conservation.
5. Research all irrigated City-owned landscapes for the possibility of converting from potable to raw water, and implement where it is determined to be economically justified.
6. Provide an annual training program on efficient watering for all City employees and contract laborers that are involved with irrigation of City-owned landscapes.
7. Institute a voluntary certification program for sprinkler contractors, with the qualification being the satisfactory completion of a test on water-efficient irrigation design.

8. Amend the residential and non-residential Point Charts within the Land Development Guidance System to include water-conserving actions in the awarding of points.
9. Develop minimum water conservation standards for irrigation systems associated with landscape plans for all development which is subject to City review and approval. This does not include the irrigation systems of single family residences.
10. Where determined to be financially justified for individual City departments, implement central irrigation control for irrigated City-owned landscaping.
11. Develop guidelines for the design of City-owned landscaping, with a high priority being placed on water conservation and Xeriscape landscaping.
12. Develop a zero-interest loan program for the installation of qualified water conservation measures, as specified by Water Utility Staff and Water Board.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Fort Collins held this 7th day of April, A.D. 1992.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk