



**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
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COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST**

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Councilman Ron Nirenberg, District 8

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SUBJECT: Permanent Stage 1 Water Restrictions

DATE: August 24, 2015

Issue Proposed for Consideration

I ask for your support for the inclusion of the following item on the agenda of the earliest available meeting of the Governance Committee:

Making Stage 1 water restrictions, defined in Chapter 34 of the Municipal Code, year round practice under normal conditions.

Brief Background


In order to meet the long term water supply needs of a growing region that experiences frequent drought, San Antonio has become a leader in water conservation. Residents, businesses, and the San Antonio Water System (SAWS) itself have employed various techniques and technologies to reduce usage rates across the board.

As SAWS pursues an “all-of-the-above” approach to long-term water security that includes aquifer storage and recovery and regional water sourcing, a continued commitment to conservation must continue to play a central role. The cheapest, most available water is the water we do not use. In addition, City Council will consider a proposed new SAWS rate structure, which recognizes the importance of encouraging conservation.

Stage 1 water restrictions, which limit the use of irrigation or sprinkler systems to once per week, trigger when the ten-day rolling average of the Edwards Aquifer level drops to 660 feet mean sea level at the J-17 Bexar index well. San Antonio Municipal Code gives City Council authority to declare additional restrictions for water use.

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Submitted for Council consideration
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Councilman Ron Nirenberg, District 8

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