

From: [Susan McCreary](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: green waste reduction program for apartments in Monrovia
Date: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 7:55:24 AM

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Hello,

With the passage of SB 1383, which targets reduction of green waste by 75% by 2025, what is Monrovia doing to increase compliance?

Athens Waste does not seem to be on board with any initiatives for renters specifically. Right now all trash generated from apartments in Monrovia goes to a common dumpster with no opportunity for recycling or green waste recovery available.

Cities like Claremont, El Monte, Diamond Bar and Pasadena are contracted with Valley Vista Services which is launching educational media and providing kitchen compost pails to residents there. The city of Portland, Oregon has been doing this for over 9 years.

Athens needs to step up and the city needs to hold a higher bar. We can do better and our contract with Athens should be on the table for negotiations.

Thank you,

Susan McCreary

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From: [Brian Yamaguchi](#)
To: [City Clerk](#); [Brian Yamaguchi](#)
Subject: Public Comment – 3/1/2022 Non-Agenda Item
Date: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 2:07:05 PM

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Dear Councilmembers,

The amendment approved by the City Council on January 18, 2022 to Chapter 20 of Title 13 of the Monrovia Municipal Code to establish the “Base Period Allocation” for water conservation measures in AR-4 said that:

‘This ordinance makes the “Base Period Allocation” the water used during the billing period in the ***immediately preceding calendar year***. That is the only change proposed.’

The relevant text of Ordinance No. 2022-02U as presented in the posted supporting documents and voted upon looks like this:

SECTION 4. Section 13.20.030 (“Definitions”) of the Monrovia Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows (remainder of section unchanged):

“§13.20.030 Definitions.

The following definitions apply to this chapter:

BASE PERIOD ALLOCATION. The amount of water used by a water customer during each billing period in the immediately preceding calendar year. ~~2013....~~”

My interpretation of “immediately preceding calendar year” as of today, March 1st 2022, would be 2021. However, the flyer insert in our water bill reference the water base allocation period being 2020 which would be two years ago:

The **DROUGHT** is **NOT** over!

Despite recent rainfall, California has experienced historically high temperatures and lack of adequate rainfall over the years, resulting in drought conditions and increased reliance on groundwater. This combination of events has lowered our water availability to near-record levels.

CALIFORNIA DROUGHT EMERGENCY

In July 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom called upon the entire State of California to reduce water consumption by 15% and declared drought conditions in a vast majority of counties, including Los Angeles County.

MONROVIA'S WATER CONSERVATION PLAN

As Monrovia residents, we must do our part to reduce water consumption. In December, the Monrovia City Council implemented Phase II of the Water Conservation Plan, **requiring a mandatory 10% reduction in water consumption** to reach the statewide reduction mandate.

As a result of establishing Phase II of the Water Conservation Plan, violations of mandatory water conservation measures may result in administrative citations. Additionally, customers who fail to reduce their water usage by the required 10% will be billed a penalty of two times the cost of a water billing unit (748 gallons of water) for each unit in excess of what is permitted. For a typical residential unit, the standard penalty is \$4.88 per unit in excess.

Following this plan, residents and commercial customers should not exceed 90% of their base period allocation. The base period allocation is defined by actual water usage during the same month in 2020.



For additional information, visit
CITYOFMONROVIA.ORG/MONROVIACONSERVES

I am a little curious as to why the City of Monrovia considers 2020 as the immediately preceding calendar year.

Sincerely,
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From: [Chris](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Drought Billing Update / Penalties
Date: Monday, February 28, 2022 4:42:51 PM

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To: Monrovia City Council Members. Mayor, et.al.
Re: Penalties for excess water usage.

The new billing system will adversely effect those of us who have been conserving water for years (see below). We will now have to make sure we use even less to meet the 10% reduction, while those that did not participate in water conservation, or wasted water, will have a very high baseline and no problems avoiding penalties.

BUT HERE IS MY BIGGEST ISSUE:

I just saw my neighbors brand new in ground pool and spa that they just completed and filled with thousands of gallons of water and will need to keep filling due to evaporation.

I can't believe the city is issuing permits for pools then turn around and tell me to conserve even more water. Am I conserving water so those who can afford a pool have the water to fill it?

At this point in time:

I replaced my lawn, front and back with artificial grass, removed plants and sprinklers from the parkway and backyard then reduced the water for the remains landscaping.

I save the water from my shower (while waiting for hot water) in a watering can to flush the toilet as I follow the "if it's yellow let it mellow, if it's brown flush it down"

When showering I have the water low enough to get wet then turn it off to suds up and then on low to rinse - in and out in minuets.

I bought new energy efficient washer, dryer (most times use a clothes line) and dishwasher. I wash my clothes once a week and do one or two loads.

I don't get water at restaurants.

The above procedures have developed over the last year or so. Do I use more at times, yes, especially in summer, but keep trying to improve.

Thank you,
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