

Water Resource Allocation Policy

PURPOSE

The City of Goodyear (City) holds a 100-year Designation of Assured Water Supply (DAWS) for its existing residents, but the City does not currently have a sufficient volume of total water resources to sustainably serve a future “full buildout” of the City’s planning area.

The City’s Integrated Water Master Plan (“IWMP”) addresses water resource and infrastructure planning for some portions of the City’s incorporated limits. The City desires to take additional steps to plan and organize the sustainable and fair allocation of the City’s uncommitted water resources in a manner that reasonably protects existing City water users while allowing the City to serve new customers.

SCOPE

This policy is only applicable to the City’s water service area. It does not apply to any Certificates of Convenience and Necessity (CC&N) held by a private water providers operating within the City.

WATER ALLOCATION

The City will use the most current adopted IWMP and its water resource planning quantities to determine the amount of water resources available for each vacant parcel in the City’s water service area or proposed future water service area. Any parcel currently receiving City water service will be allotted the historic water usage on that parcel. No water use changes that exceed the historical water usage for a parcel will be approved without further evaluation and analysis.

Allocation of water resources to a vacant parcel per the IWMP does not guarantee City water resources will be available if the City determines in its reasonable discretion that water resources are not reasonably available for a proposed use. Water resources planned in the IWMP for a parcel may not be moved or transferred to another parcel.

LARGE WATER USER

New large and multiple meter water users and other users that seek water resources in excess of those in the current IWMP may submit a request for additional water resources. Any such request must include details needed by the City to conduct an objective evaluation and analysis for the proposed use.

Upon consideration, the City may:

- (1) Increase the allocation of City water resources for the parcel at a market rate cost; OR
- (2) Require the user to acquire and dedicate the additional water resources needed for the proposed use to the City at no cost to the City.

Note: All water resources acquired and dedicated to the City must be sustainable water resources sufficient to serve for at least 100 years and meet the City’s requirements for incorporation into the City’s DAWS.

ANNEXATIONS

City annexations will not be made for the sole purpose of extending City water resources to newly incorporated areas. Unless otherwise approved by the Council through a formal resolution, all annexations will require the landowner to acquire and dedicate to the City sustainable water resources sufficient to fully serve the annexed areas for the proposed uses for at least 100 years and meet the City’s requirements for incorporation into the City’s DAWS.

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REZONING

Rezoning requests must account for the allocation of City water resources per the IWMP for the impacted parcel(s). For rezoning requests where the proposed water resource uses for the impacted parcel(s) exceed the IWMP allocation, a request must be submitted for additional water resources. Any such request must include details needed by the City to conduct an objective cost-benefit analysis for the proposed use and the rezoning request.

Upon consideration, the City may:

- (1) Increase the allocation of City water resources for the parcel at a market rate cost; OR
- (2) Require the user to acquire and dedicate the additional water resources needed for the proposed use to the City at no cost to the City.

The zoning process does not guarantee the availability of future City water resources or services.

EVALUATION AND ANALYSIS OF REQUESTS

In its sole discretion, the City will conduct an evaluation and analysis of any requests to exceed the City allocation of water resources for a parcel per the IWMP. The City may consider various aspects of the request and the proposed uses including, but not limited to: economic impact to the City, conformance with the General Plan, availability of uncommitted City water resources, etc.

SELF SERVICE

Self-service is discouraged and the City may oppose new groundwater wells and groundwater uses within and near the City's water service areas to preserve existing groundwater supplies.

WATER SERVICE AGREEMENT

Water service agreements will be updated by City staff from time-to-time to include provisions that assist the City in managing water demands, addressing droughts, and preventing water waste, including notifying new customers of the City's water service rules. Each new or modification to water customer account will require the new customer's signature on a current water service agreement form.