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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	46
COUNCIL MEETING	92/06/29

TO: ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER **DATE:** 1992 06 25

FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING **FILE:** 42-01-08

SUBJECT: WATER RESTRICTIONS - BAN ON WATER SPRINKLING

PURPOSE: To seek Council authority to impose a ban on water sprinkling.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council confirm the action taken by Mayor Copeland to impose a ban on water sprinkling as outlined in this report.

REPORT

Council at its meeting of 1992 June 22 received a report pertaining to the current water supply shortage. Council adopted a recommendation to support the principle of a total ban on sprinkling if necessary.

In consideration of the continued dry spell and continued high water volume usage, Mayor Copeland on June 24 directed staff to impose a ban on lawn sprinkling and hosing/flushing of all outdoor hard surfaces within the Municipality. Council's endorsement of the Mayor's direction is a procedural requirement in order to confirm the water restrictions.

It is known that sprinkling comprises a significant percentage of total water usage during hot weather. The marked effect that outdoor water use has on overall demand can be seen from the GVWD records for the week of June 8. These records indicate a 30% reduction in consumption from 350 million gallons per day on June 8 to 250 million gallons per day on June 9 as the result of a rainfall.

Specifically the water ban would prohibit all lawn water sprinkling (both automatic and manual) and would prohibit hosing/flushing of all outdoor hard surfaces including driveways, patios, roofs, etc. The ban would remain in effect until the current water shortage eases and we have received confirmation of adequate supply from the GVWD.

Staff have implemented a public notification program utilizing local media sources. Compliance with the new restrictions is being monitored through a program of inspections. Staff patrols are providing advice and enforcement as necessary.

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