



Yuba City Water Regulations Ordinance Update



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Background

- Title 6 Chapter 6 = “Yuba City Water Regulations”
- Last updated in August 2016 regarding drought & rate increases
- Senate Bill 998 enacted in September 2018 and effective February 2020
- Proposing four major updates and additions:
 - SB 998 Updates, Water Connection Financing, Water Leak Adjustment, and Emergency Water Restrictions
- Minor clarification and grammatical edits



SB 998 State Requirements

- Protects customers from discontinuance of water without due process
- Public utilities must implement:
 - Follow Specific Timelines
 - Issue a Number of Notices
 - Recognize Certain Exemptions



Water Connection Financing

- **Policy decision for Council**
- Adds connection and extension fees to property taxes via a 10-year lien
- Intent is to keep upfront costs of water connection from being prohibitive
- Encourages residents to become water customers or to build new development



Water Leak Adjustment

- **Policy decision for Council**
- Currently, customers must pay for excess water due to leaks, even if unable to detect
- Program provides method and limits to reimburse customers who have repaired leaks
- Only leaks which were not willful or negligent
- Quality customer service with a goal of long-term water loss reduction



Emergency Water Restrictions

- Specific restrictions enacted in August 2016 following drought
- Conflict with current Urban Water Management Plan
 - UWMP updated every five (5) years
- Now will utilize adopted UWMP and state regulations
- Keep same penalty structure for violations



Recommendation

Introduce an ordinance amending the Yuba City Municipal Code Title 6 Chapter 6, Yuba City Water Regulations, and waive the first reading.