# MERCED

# CITY OF MERCED

Merced Civic Center 678 W. 18th Street Merced, CA 95340

# **Legislation Text**

File #: 18-566, Version: 1

**SUBJECT:** Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 2497 to Amend Chapter 15.42.050 "Water Conservation Levels and Prohibitions"

## REPORT IN BRIEF

Adoption of previously introduced Ordinance to Amend Chapter 15.42 of the Merced Municipal Code "Water Conservation Levels and Prohibitions."

#### RECOMMENDATION

**City Council -** Adopt a motion adopting **Ordinance 2497**, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, amending Chapter 15.42.050, "Water Conservation Regulation," of the Merced Municipal Code.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

- 1. Adopt the ordinance as recommended; or,
- 2. Deny the changes to section 15.42.050 "Water Conservation Levels and Prohibitions; or,
- 3. Refer to staff for reconsideration of specific items; or,
- 4. Continue action to a future City Council meeting, specify date.

# **AUTHORITY**

Article II, Section 200 and Article IV, Section 405 of the Charter of the City of Merced, and Article XIII D of the California State Constitution in accordance with Title 15 of the Merced Municipal Code.

#### CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

As provided for in the 2018-19 Adopted Budget.

## DISCUSSION

Staff is seeking to amend Section 15.42.050 of MMC Chapter 15.42 "Water Conservation Levels and Prohibitions" to allow the City Council to declare Level 3 Conservation Water Restrictions. The current language of Section 15.42.050 provides that Level 3 Restrictions are triggered by the Governor declaring a State of Emergency. The amendment also allows the City Council to implement the drought Water Rate schedule set forth in MMC section 15.36.070.

#### IMPACT ON CITY RESOURCES

No appropriation of funds is needed.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Ordinance 2497

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