Water Use Priorities

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The letters preceding the category are only for reference and not to designate priority status. Multiple categories may be within a water restriction stage. For greater flexibility, individual categories may be in multiple stages, divided by water use restrictions of volume, or application frequency and/or method.

 Water use category

 Non-exclusive water use example.

(A) Human health and safety

 Personal hygiene, food preparation and cleanup, household sanitation and exterior health and safety (e.g., cleaning of areas contaminated with animal waste)

(B) Human life sustaining

 Agriculture and food processing, health related institutions, education institutions, and fire protection

(C) Domestic animal life sustaining

 Feeding and hygiene (including shelter/pound/sanctuary)

(D) Wild animal life sustaining and environment subject to irremeable/irreparable harm

 Fish and wildlife habitat (river flow quantity and quality for temperature and salinity control)

(E) Property, living, higher value

 High use recreation fields, established trees and established bushes

(F) Property, non-living, higher value

 New and remodel construction, maintenance (e.g., prep-wash of structure to be painted)

(G) Wild animal life sustaining and environment whose harm is recoverable/repairable

 Fish and wildlife habitat (river flow quantity and quality for temperature and salinity control)

(H) Human livelihood water dependent occupation (not life sustaining)

 Beverage brewing and bottling, swimming pool construction

(I) Property, living, lower value

 Lawn, annuals, moderate and low use public recreation fields

(J) Property, non-living, lower value

 Any use of water solely for aesthetics (e.g., vehicle and structure washing)