

**HOLLAND CREEK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
RESOLUTION 2026-04
WATER SHORTAGE DECLARATION
ADOPTION OF WATER USE RESTRICTIONS**

WHEREAS, the Holland Creek Metropolitan District (“District”) is a quasi-municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of Colorado and a duly organized and existing metropolitan district pursuant to Title 32, Colorado Revised Statutes (“C.R.S.”); and

WHEREAS, the District is the primary water supplier to the District and to the Red Sky Ranch Metropolitan District (“Red Sky Ranch”) and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the District Board of Directors (“Board”) is authorized to enact water restrictions for limited periods of time in order to protect an adequate supply of water to properties located in or served by the District pursuant to Section 4.6 of the District Rules and Regulations (“Rules”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4.6.2 of the Rules, a shortage in the supply of water exists “if conditions of supply so limit the water supply of the District’s water system that unrestricted water use may endanger the adequacy of that supply”; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to adopt a water shortage response plan (“Plan”) similar to the plans enacted by government entities in proximity to the District affected by the current drought conditions, in order to protect and benefit the District and Red Sky Ranch (collectively the “Districts”) which Plan establishes key indicators to assess and respond to the present water shortage conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes and declares that a water shortage presently exists based on historically low snowpack across Eagle County and throughout the State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the District evaluates the drought conditions, in part, based on supply factors, including snowpack, stream flows, drought monitor classifications and pronouncements of similarly situated water providers in the vicinity of the Districts; and

WHEREAS, the current snowpack in Colorado is the lowest level ever recorded due to unprecedented and prolonged high temperatures and dry conditions of winter 2025 and spring 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Eagle River, Gore Creek and other area water sources are projected to peak significantly earlier than historical norms resulting in extremely reduced stream flows during the summer season; and

WHEREAS, when stream flows are low, high outdoor water use is found to compound the negative impacts on local streams; and

WHEREAS, as of April 3, 2026, the entirety of Eagle County is classified to be in Exceptional Drought, the most intense drought level set by the U.S. Drought Monitor; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds the current conditions satisfy the threshold for imposing Water Use Restrictions as contemplated by the Rules and are necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of properties located in and served by the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds and determines that reducing highly consumptive irrigation and outdoor water use is critical to managing the limited water resources available to the Districts and to Eagle County; and

WHEREAS, Sections 1.7 and 4.6 of the Rules authorize the District to impose Water Use Restrictions and to implement enforcement measures upon determination that conditions warrant such measures; and

WHEREAS, the Rules and the Plan identify potential enforcement measures, including implementing temporary rules and regulations as set forth in this Resolution to restrict or ban outdoor water use, and to implement and adjust such additional enforcement actions as conditions require; and

WHEREAS, the District is adopting Water Use Restrictions as set forth in this Resolution to address the current conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Holland Creek Metropolitan District as follows:

1. Declaration of Water Shortage. The Board hereby formally declares a water shortage necessitating the imposition of Water Use Restrictions. Further, the Board determines that the Water Use Restrictions contained in Section 4.6 of the Rules are insufficient to address the dire water shortage existing and anticipated to exist throughout 2026, thereby necessitating temporary modification of the Water Use Restrictions as set forth below:

2. Adoption of of Modified Water Use Restrictions. Section 4.6.2 of the Rules is modified to state the following restrictions:

For water supplied by the District, the permitted outdoor watering schedule shall be based on the last number of your street address. Watering may only occur between midnight and 8:00 a.m. or between 8:00 p.m. to midnight:

- **Even addresses: Tuesday and Friday**
- **Odd addresses: Wednesday and Saturday**
- **THERE IS NO WATER USE ON SUNDAYS, MONDAYS OR THURSDAYS**

3. Imposition of Surcharges for Excessive Use. During the period this Declaration of Water Shortage remains in effect, there shall be imposed on all Tier 3 usage rates, a fee surcharge of 15% on the monthly water usage charge.

4. The District asks all property owners to assess their water use and voluntarily take steps to reduce the amount of water used. If conditions worsen or if the present measures are determined not to be sufficient, the Board may further limit water consumption including eliminating outdoor watering completely and it may consider an increase in the upper tier water rates, which are those above 25,000 and 40,000 gallons per month, to further encourage conservation.

5. Property owners are encouraged to make changes now to prepare individual properties and landscaping for dry summer conditions and to help incorporate such reductions into future landscape planning and cost containment.

6. The Board authorizes District staff and consultants to enforce Water Use Restrictions consistent with the Plan and the Rules as modified herein.

7. If the District's Water Shortage Declaration reaches an emergency stage as determined by the Board, District staff is authorized to shut off all irrigation meters and implement a total ban on outdoor water use, except for watering activities reasonably necessary to protect public health or safety, until the emergency indicators are no longer present.

8. District staff and/or consultants shall notify District customers of the Water Shortage Declaration using all practicable communication measures, including notice posted on the District's website. Staff will timely communicate to customers changes in water shortage stages, rules and regulations, and enforcement measures.

9. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 27th day April, 2026.

HOLLAND CREEK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

/s/ Daniel S Ramker

President

ATTEST:

Koby Kenny
Koby Kenny (Apr 29, 2026 09:50:34 MDT)

Secretary











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