

RIALTO UTILITIES COMMISSION

July 16, 2024



ASSEMBLY BILL
1572 FRIEDMAN.

POTABLE WATER:
NONFUNCTIONAL
TURF (NFT).



[Purple-leaved eastern redbud](#)

Plant Type: Tree

Water Needs: Moderate 4

Exposure: All day sun, Morning sun, Partial sun

Height: 25 ft. - 35 ft. **Width:** 25 ft. - 35 ft.



Dec. 2022



Apr. 2024

Lake Oroville:

capacity to store approximately 3.54 million acre-feet of water which accounts for 61% of the SWP's total system storage capacity



Mar. 2023

ARIZONA

Central Arizona Project
City of Chandler
City of Mesa
City of Peoria
City of Phoenix
City of Tempe
City of Tucson
Scottsdale Water
Town of Gilbert

CALIFORNIA

City of Burbank Water and
Power
City of Santa Monica
Coachella Valley Water District
Eastern Municipal Water District
Foothill Municipal Water District
Long Beach Water
**Metropolitan Water District of
Southern California**
Rancho California Water District
San Diego County Water
Authority
Western Municipal Water District

In November 2022, 30 agencies across the Colorado River Basin signed a Memorandum of Understanding, committing to reduce nonfunctional turf in its service area by 30%.

COLORADO

Aurora Water
Castle Rock Water
Colorado Springs Utilities
Denver Water
Pueblo Water
Southeastern Colorado Water
Conservancy District

NEVADA

Southern Nevada Water Authority

NEW MEXICO

Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water
Utility Authority
City of Santa Fe

UTAH

Central Utah Water Conservancy
District
Jordan Valley Water Conservancy
District
Salt Lake City Department of Public
Utilities
Washington County Water
Conservancy District

ON OCTOBER 13, 2023, GOVERNOR NEWSOM SIGNED AB 1572 INTO LAW

Amends Water Code §§ 10540, 10608.12, and 10608.22, and adding Water Code § 110

This law closely resembles the State Water Resources Control Board's (SWRCB) Emergency Regulations of ornamental landscapes or turf from 2014 – 2022.

The Bill phases out the use of potable water to irrigate non-functional grass/turf.



AB 1572 NONFUNCTIONAL TURF WATERING BAN

- Bans irrigation of NFT with potable water on CII properties
 - Includes
 - schools
 - HOAs
 - institutional
 - Industrial
 - common interest developments (Mobile Home Parks and Senior Communities)
 - Excludes
 - cemeteries
 - multi-family housing


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 - Exception made for tree health
- NFT is defined as any turf that is “not functional”
- Functional turf is defined as turf located in a recreational use area or community gathering space

NFT does not apply to residential homes, school fields, sports fields, and areas regularly used for civic or community events (*pictured: Frisbie Park*).



AB 1572 GRADUALLY PHASES REQUIREMENTS

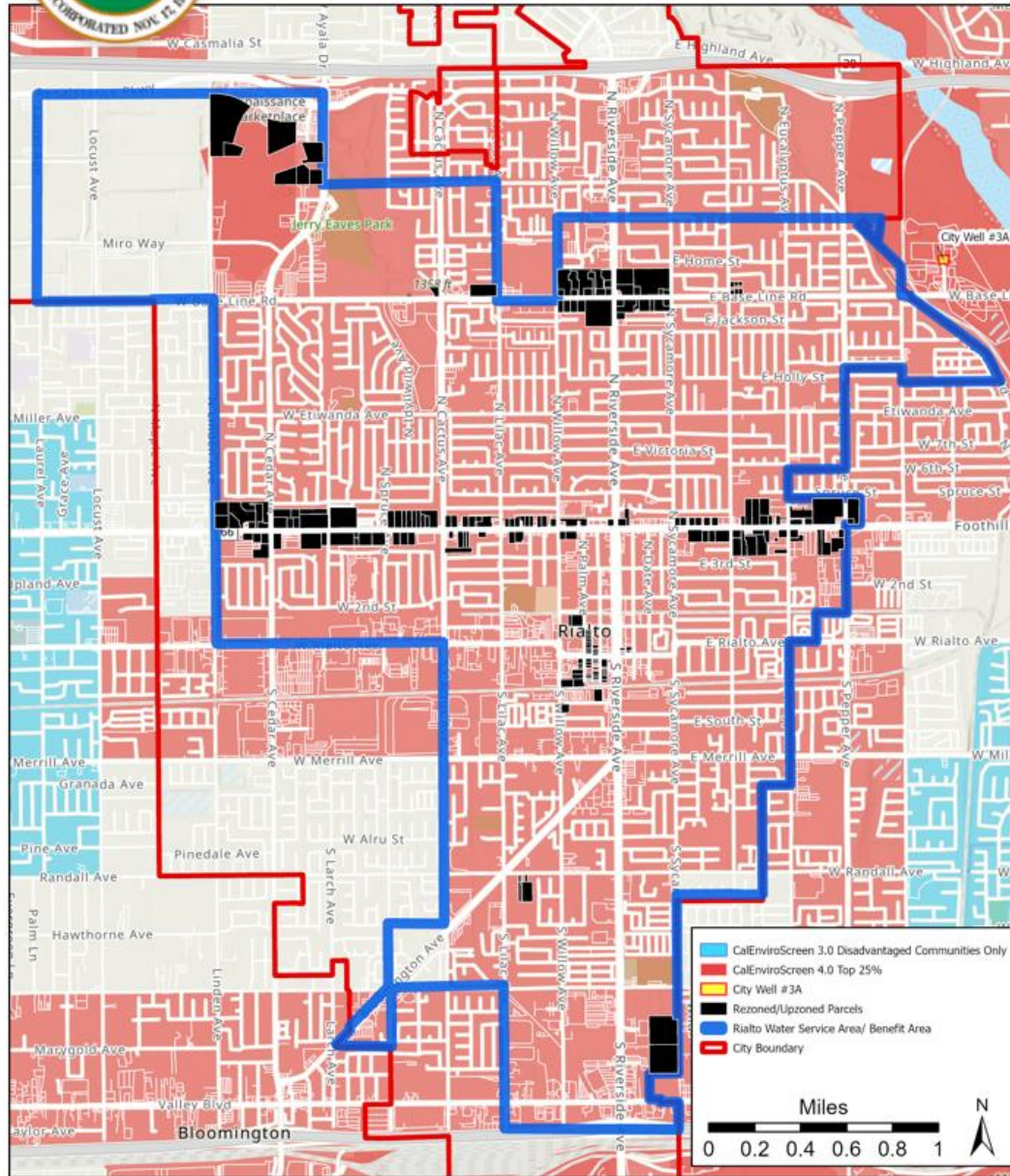
| DATE | REQUIREMENT |
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| January 1, 2027 | Properties owned by the California Department of General Services and properties owned by local government agencies |
| January 1, 2028 | Commercial, industrial, and institutional properties |
| January 1, 2029 | Common areas of homeowners' associations, common interest developments, and community service organizations or similar entities |
| January 1, 2031  | Local government facilities in <u>disadvantaged communities</u> (contingent upon availability of State financial assistance) |

The law does not impose restrictions on residential yards, cemeteries, parks, golf courses, and sports fields, and permits the use of potable water to the extent it is necessary to ensure the health of trees or other perennial non-turf plants.



CITY OF RIALTO

Disadvantage Communities



AB 1572 AUTHORIZES AND/OR REQUIRES

1. State Water Board is directed to create a form for compliance certification, and require owners of covered properties to certify their compliance.
2. By January 1, 2027, public water systems are required to revise regulations to include AB 1572 restrictions.
3. A public water system, city, county, or city and county is authorized to enforce the irrigation restrictions
 - Noncompliance by a person or entity shall be subject to civil liability and penalties.

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4. Owners of commercial, industrial, or institutional irrigated parcels larger than 5,000 square feet to self-certify compliance to the State Water Board beginning in 2030.
 5. Integrated regional water management plans to include identification and consideration of the water needs of owners and occupants of affordable housing, including the removal and replacement of nonfunctional turf.
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