c. Mesa Water staff will determine if a water shortage exists based on the water shortage criteria and stages defined in the WSCP.

d. In the event a water shortage is triggered according to the procedures and conditions defined in the adopted WSCP, the Board will declare a shortage according to the defined water shortage levels.

e. The public will be informed of the shortage according to the Procedures and Protocols for Communication identified in Section 6 of this Ordinance.

f. Sudden Catastrophic Water Supply Shortage. When the General Manager determines that a sudden event has, or threatens to, significantly diminish the reliability or quality of Mesa Water’s water supply, the General Manager may declare a catastrophic water supply shortage and impose whatever emergency water allocation or conservation actions deemed necessary at such time, in the General Manager’s professional judgment, to protect the reliability and quality of Mesa Water’s water supply, until the emergency passes or Mesa Water takes other action(s). As soon as practicable after the General Manager declares a sudden catastrophic water supply shortage emergency, he shall bring this action to the Board for concurrence.

The existence of a Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3 Water Supply Shortage condition may be declared by resolution adopted by the Board at a regular, adjourned regular, or special Board meeting.

The Board shall determine the extent of the Water Supply Shortage condition, and the corresponding conservation required through the implementation and/or termination of particular levels, which may be made upon recommendation by the General Manager.

In the event of an extreme emergency, requiring immediate action that cannot be delayed until the next regular, adjourned regular, or special Board meeting, the General Manager shall determine the extent of the conservation required and implement the appropriate level necessary to achieve the required level of conservation. In such event, the General Manager shall notify the Board as soon thereafter as practical and shall consult with the Board President with regard to the calling of an emergency meeting of the Board.

The General Manager will provide a plan to the Board that specifies a timeline for notifying of customers and the implementation of the Water Supply Shortage Level determined by the Board. In addition, the Board of Directors shall be notified at the next regular, adjourned regular, or special