

RESOLUTION NO. 542

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
SUNNYSLOPE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**

**REVISING THE DISTRICT'S WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCY AND
IMPLEMENTING THE DISTRICT'S WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY
PLANS**

The Sunnyslope County Water District Board of Directors does hereby resolve and makes findings as follows:

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Water Code Section 350 et seq., the Board of Directors has conducted duly noticed public hearings to establish the criteria under which a water shortage emergency may be declared; and

WHEREAS, The District is a water purveyor to municipal customers in San Benito County serving the eastern portion of the City of Hollister and areas within the County south and east of the City; and

WHEREAS, Much of California has experienced record dry conditions from 2012 through 2015 and is entering the fifth year of a drought; and

WHEREAS, the rainfall, snowpack, and reservoir levels have significantly improved in northern California in 2016; and

WHEREAS, The Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in him by the state Constitution and statutes, including the California Emergency Services Act, and in particular, section 8625 of the California Government Code, proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in the State of California due to current and ongoing drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, The State Water Resources Control Board amended the emergency regulations adopted on March 27, 2015 and modified these regulations on May 18, 2016 to safeguard the State's remaining water supplies and has reduced the mandatory water conservation measures required of water agencies throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, The State Water Resources Control Board has required the water agencies throughout the State including the Sunnyslope County Water District to identify each source of water supply available for the next three years, set a conservation standard based on the available supplies, and certify a new conservation standard for water consumption compared to 2013; and

WHEREAS, The District receives water from San Benito County Water District (SBCWD) who in turn has a contract with the Bureau of Reclamation to receive water from the Central Valley Project (CVP) as a Federal Contractor and it has been projected by the Bureau of Reclamation that south of the Delta Municipal and Industrial (M&I) customers will receive 55% of historical allocations in 2016 and agricultural customers will receive a 5% allocation this year; and

WHEREAS, The District owns and operates five municipal water wells for municipal supply purposes and the District's well water should be conserved to ensure water supplies are not depleted to the extent that there may be insufficient water in future years for human consumption, sanitation, fire protection, and environmental requirements; and

WHEREAS, The District Board of Directors adopted the 2010 Hollister Urban Area Water Management Plan (HUAWMP) in June of 2011, which specifies a water shortage response plan including four stages of water rationing with voluntary and mandatory water reductions dependent on the severity and duration of the water supply shortage; and

WHEREAS, The District Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 537 on April 21, 2015 declaring a water shortage emergency and implementing mandatory water conservation measures consistent with Stage II of the Hollister Urban Area Water Management Plan requiring water conservation of 28%;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED,

1. Water shortage emergency conditions exist that threaten the adequacy of the District's water supply. The Board of Directors hereby implements the interim Water Shortage Contingency Plan set forth in this Resolution.
2. Resolution No. 537 is hereby rescinded and water conservation measures are amended as set forth in this Resolution.
3. District water customers are required to reduce water consumption by 15% compared to their water use in 2013.
4. Landscape watering shall be limited and restricted to no more than three (3) days per week. Odd numbered addresses are hereby restricted to watering on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Even numbered addresses are hereby restricted to watering on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday.
5. No landscape watering shall occur between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. by means other than drip irrigation or hand watering with a quick acting positive shut off nozzle.
6. The application of potable water to outdoor landscapes during and within 48 hours after measurable rainfall is prohibited.
7. The irrigation with potable water of ornamental turf on public street medians is prohibited.
8. The irrigation with potable water of landscapes outside of newly constructed homes and buildings in a manner inconsistent with regulations or other requirements established by the California Building Standards Commission and the Department of Housing and Community Development is prohibited.
9. Washing down sidewalks, driveways, or other hardscape surfaces is prohibited.
10. Landscape watering in a manner that causes runoff to adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, or parking lots is prohibited.
11. Car washing without the use of quick acting, positive shut off nozzle is prohibited.
12. The use of potable water in decorative fountains or other water features is prohibited unless the water is recirculated.
13. Leaks, breaks, and malfunctions of irrigation systems and plumbing equipment causing waste of water shall be repaired and corrected within a reasonable amount of time as determined by the District General Manager.
14. Penalties for violating the outdoor water restrictions set forth in this Resolution shall be as follows:
 - First Violation** – written notice with an opportunity to correct the violation.
 - Second Violation** - \$100 penalty for a violation within 12 months of a First Violation.
 - Third Violation** - \$250 penalty for a violation within 12 months of a Second Violation.
 - Fourth Violation** - \$500 penalty and installation of a flow restrictor at the water meter at the customer's expense for each and every violation within 12 months of a Third Violation.
15. This Resolution shall take immediate effect upon adoption.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION on a motion by Director Villalon and second by Director Meraz is duly adopted this 21st day of June, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES: Alcorn, Hill, Meraz, and Villalon

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Johnson

SUNNYSLOPE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

BY: 
Kathleen A. Hill, President

(S E A L)

ATTEST:



Donald G. Ridenhour, General Manager

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

The undersigned Secretary of the Board of Directors of Sunnyslope County Water District hereby certifies that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the resolution adopted on June 21, 2016 as Resolution No. 542.

Dated: June 21, 2016



Donald G. Ridenhour, Secretary