

RESOLUTION NO. 538

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

**DECLARING OPPOSITION TO A PUBLIC GOODS CHARGE OR TAX
ON WATER BILLS IMPOSED BY THE STATE**

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

WHEREAS, proposals to impose a public goods charge or similar permanent statewide tax on water could emerge in the near future; and

WHEREAS, a public goods charge or other permanent tax on water bills is not the appropriate mechanism to fund water solutions or address water quality and water supply problems faced by some disadvantaged communities; and

WHEREAS, assessing a public goods charge would unfairly penalize local water agencies that have already made, and continue to make, investments in water management programs and infrastructure and would make it more difficult and costly for local water agencies to fund critical local water efficiency and supply projects; and

WHEREAS, according to a recent report by the Public Policy Institute of California, local water agencies are spending more than \$25 billion a year on local water-related programs, projects and infrastructure, and those investments have prepared them to respond to the current drought and have shielded the state's economy from the drought's most severe impacts over the past four years; and

WHEREAS, while there is a clear need to fund sensible long-term solutions and assist disadvantaged communities that do not have safe drinking water, a tax on water bills paid by a subset of Californians is not the solution;

WHEREAS, local water managers are best suited to identify ways to spend locally-generated revenues at their respective agencies; an additional tax on water bills paid in order to send money to Sacramento, where a portion will be carved out to fund another layer of administration, is not efficient and is not an appropriate solution or sound policy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Sunnyslope County Water District opposes any effort by the state Legislature to impose a statewide public goods charge or other tax on water bills; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Sunnyslope County Water District opposes the use of the budget trailer bill process or other last-minute attempt to circumvent the appropriate legislative policy committee process to advance policy issues without full disclosure and transparency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to our state legislative representatives and key members of the Administration.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION on a motion by Director Johnson and second by Director Meraz is duly adopted this 15th day of September, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: Hill, Johnson, Meraz, and Villalon

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alcorn

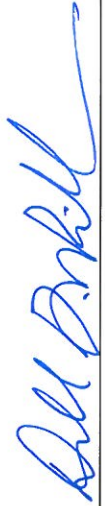
SUNNYSLOPE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

BY: 

Kathleen A. Hill, President

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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 September 15, 2015 as Resolution No.538.

Dated: September 15, 2015



Donald G. Ridenhour, Secretary