

**RESOLUTION NO. 537**

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

**DECLARING A 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 January 2014 through March 2015 and is entering the fourth year of a drought; and

**WHEREAS**, Dry and warm weather conditions have resulted in a record low snowpack during the 2014/2015 winter; 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 drought conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, The State Water Resources Control Board adopted emergency regulations on March 27, 2015 to safeguard the State's remaining water supplies and has required water agencies to adopt additional water conservation measures within 45 days; 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 25% of historical allocations this year and agricultural customers will receive a zero 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 (HUA WMP) 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. 531 on March 12, 2014 declaring a water shortage emergency and implementing Stage I of the Hollister Urban Area Water Management Plan requesting voluntary water conservation of 15%;

**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. District water customers are mandated to reduce water consumption by 28% compared to their water use in 2013.
3. Landscape watering shall be limited and restricted to no more than two (2) days per week. Odd numbered addresses are hereby restricted to watering on Tuesday and Saturday. Even numbered addresses are hereby restricted to watering on Wednesday and Sunday.
4. 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.
5. Irrigation of outside landscaping of newly constructed homes and buildings connecting to the District's water system is prohibited unless utilizing drip and/or micro-spray irrigation systems.
6. Washing down sidewalks, driveways, or other hardscape surfaces is prohibited.
7. Landscape watering in a manner that causes runoff to adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, or parking lots is prohibited.
8. Car washing without the use of quick acting, positive shut off nozzle is prohibited.
9. Operation of decorative fountains or other water features is prohibited unless the water is recirculated.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. This Resolution shall take immediate effect upon adoption.

**THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION** on a motion by Director Alcorn and second by Director Villalon is duly adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2015, 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

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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 April 21, 2015 as Resolution No.537.

Dated: April 21, 2015

  
Donald G. Ridenhour, Secretary