

RESOLUTION NO. 546

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

DECLARING THE DROUGHT AND WATER SUPPLY EMERGENCY OVER AND ADOPTING NEW WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES

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

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, San Benito County and most of California has experienced above normal rainfall and snow during the 2016/2017 fall and winter months; and

WHEREAS, The Bureau of Reclamation has allocated Central Valley Project municipal and industrial customers 90% of their full water allocation and agriculture 65% of their allocation for the 2017 water year; and

WHEREAS, The allocations of Central Valley Project municipal and industrial customers is expected to be increased to 100% of allocations and agriculture is expected to increase to approximately 80% of allocations for the 2017 water year; and

WHEREAS, The State Water Resources Control Board adopted emergency drought regulations March 27, 2015, modified May 18, 2016, and February 7, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of California has declared the drought over on April 7, 2017 and has maintained a few permanent water conservation measures that are incorporated into this resolution; and

WHEREAS, Sunnyslope County Water District water customers exceeded the State mandates and have responded to the drought and requested conservation measures admirably reducing consumption compared to 2013 by 28.2% in 2015, 26.1% in 2016, and 17.7% for the first three months in 2017; and

WHEREAS, The District Board of Directors adopted the 2015 Hollister Urban Area Water Management Plan (HUAWMP) in August of 2016, 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. 542 on June 21, 2016 declaring a water shortage emergency and implementing water conservation measures consistent with Stage I of the Hollister Urban Area Water Management Plan requesting a voluntary water conservation of 15%; and

WHEREAS, Due to a very wet fall and winter of 2016/2017, water supply allocations for the Central Valley Project, and the efforts and conservation by the District water customers, it is appropriate and time to declare the drought over and modify the emergency conservation measures to include the permanent conservation measures identified in the HUAWMP; and

WHEREAS, the District Board finds that adoption of this resolution is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act per Article 20, Section 15378.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED,

1. Water shortage emergency conditions no longer exist and the Board of Directors hereby declares the drought over for the Sunnyslope County Water District.
2. Resolution No. 542 is hereby rescinded and water conservation measures are amended as set forth in this Resolution.
3. District water customers are encouraged to use water wisely and water waste is prohibited.
4. Landscape watering between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. is not recommended.
5. The application of potable water to outdoor landscapes during and within 48 hours after measurable rainfall is prohibited.
6. The irrigation with potable water of ornamental turf on public street medians is prohibited.
7. 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.
8. Washing down sidewalks, driveways, or other hardscape surfaces is prohibited.
9. Landscape watering in a manner that causes runoff to adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, or parking lots is prohibited.
10. Car washing without the use of quick acting, positive shut off nozzle is prohibited.
11. The use of potable water in decorative fountains or other water features is prohibited unless the water is recirculated.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. This Resolution shall take immediate effect upon adoption.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION on a motion by Director Alcorn and second by Director Ross is duly adopted this 18th day of April, 2017, by the following vote:


AYES: Alcorn, Johnson, Ross, and Rodriguez

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Spencer

SUNNYSLOPE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

BY: 
Judi H. Johnson, 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 18, 2017 as Resolution No. 546.

Dated: April 18, 2017


Donald G. Ridenhour, Secretary