

RESOLUTION NO. 764
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT,
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1
RESCINDING THE WATER SUPPLY SHORTAGE EMERGENCY - STAGE 1; LIFTING THE SUSPENSION OF
CAN & WILL SERVE LETTERS, AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AN ALERT - BELOW NORMAL
WATER SUPPLY WITH WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES IN EXHIBIT "A"

WHEREAS, Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1 ("District"), is a Special Improvement District organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, providing water services for domestic, agricultural, commercial, industrial, and recreational uses within its service area boundary in the area entirely within the County of Santa Barbara, State of California; and

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2014 Governor Brown Declared Drought State of Emergency, which called for Conservation Statewide, Directs State to Manage Water for Drought and called upon all Californians to reduce their water usage by 20 percent; and

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2014 the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors declared a Countywide drought emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees at a Regular meeting held on the 17th day of June 2014, approved and adopted Resolution No. 719 declaring the existence of a Water Shortage Emergency within its Service Area, adopting the Water Shortage Emergency measures, regulations and restrictions in Exhibit "A", and approving and authorizing a Stage 1 Water Supply Shortage Emergency; and,

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 723 as adopted by the Board of Trustees on September 18, 2014 approving and authorizing the issuance of certain Can & Will Serve Letters for water service to those Applicants who submitted a Water Service Application and were issued a Requirements Letter from the District prior to June 17, 2014 of the Declaration of the Water Shortage Emergency Stage 1, and suspending the issuance of Can & Will Serve Letters by the General Manager pursuant to Article 5 Section 505; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor signed the Drought Executive Order B-29-15 on April 1, 2015 extending the Drought-related emergency regulations and directing new measures on water suppliers state-wide to reduce water use including mandatory 25% conservation requirements imposed on all urban suppliers and "small water suppliers" (less than 3,000 connections) with the new prohibitions and restrictions that are applicable to all California "end-users" and reporting compliance to the SWRCB; and,

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2015, Resolution No. 739 was subsequently adopted by Board of Trustees adopting water shortage emergency measures, regulations and restrictions in Exhibit "A", as part of the approval and adoption of the Stage 2 Critical Water Supply Shortage that was based on a multi-year state-wide and/or local drought conditions and the State of California Hexavalent Chromium (Cr6) compliance restrictions on groundwater, as well as to comply with Executive Order B-29-15 and the additional State mandated conservation requirements, a 25% reduction for all domestic customer water consumption, and other restrictive end-user measures; and,

WHEREAS, in April 2016, based on substantial rainfall, snowpack in the Sierra Nevada Range, and reservoir recovery in the northern half of the State this past winter and spring, the Governor of California issued Executive Order B-37-16 on May 9, 2016 directing DWR to work with the SWRCB to develop new targets as a part of the permanent framework for urban water agencies to achieve a 20% reduction in urban water use by 2020, with each water agency using this target to customize water conservation practices and adjust its local actions to attain this goal and to continue to permanently prohibit practices that waste drinking water including *hosing of sidewalks and driveways; washing cars with hoses not equipped without a shut-off nozzle; using non-recirculated water in a fountain or water feature; Watering lawns in a manner that causes runoff or within 48 hours of "measurable" rainfall; and, Irrigating the public street medians; and,*

WHEREAS, California Water Code sections 350 et seq. authorize the governing body of a public water supply distributor to declare that water shortage emergency conditions prevail within its service area whenever it finds and determines that the ordinary demands and requirements of its water consumers cannot be satisfied without depleting the water supply to the extent that there would be insufficient water for human consumption, sanitation, and fire protection; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Water Code section 356, the regulations and restrictions may include the right to deny applications for new or additional service connections, and may also include provision for their enforcement by discontinuing service to consumers willfully violating the regulations and restrictions; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Water Code section 355, the District's regulations and restrictions shall remain in full force and effect until the supply of water available for distribution within such area has been replenished or augmented; and

WHEREAS, after five years of below average rainfall on the central and south coast of Santa Barbara County and no runoff into the surface reservoirs creating extreme drought conditions, in 2017 above average seasonal rainfall in the amount of 24.07 inches at the lake Cachuma and 29.17 inches in the watershed above the lake in January and February caused Lake Cachuma to fill above the all-time low of 14,057 AF or 7% of capacity to 93,514 AF or 48% full; and,

WHEREAS, it was determined by the Bureau of Reclamation, that on October 1, 2016 water deliveries from the Cachuma Project were reduced to 0 percent allocation to the Member Units, and now with the lake at 48% full USBR will make a mid-year allocation beginning April 1, 2017 that could range from 40% to 70% of the annual allocation with the District receiving its 10.31% pro-rata share; and,

WHEREAS, in the northern and southern Sierra Nevada, record precipitation and snow-fall has caused significant pre-spring flood-stage runoff into the State's surface reservoirs bringing them to full and at capacity conditions resulting in the Department of Water Resources increasing the State Water Project water deliveries to 60 percent of "Table A" allocations plus issuing Article 21 surplus water, and with the likelihood of increasing Table "A" to near 100% in April 1, 2017. This is in addition to the District's 351 AF of "SWP Carry-over" water stored in San Luis Reservoir and then exchanged with MWDSC to preserve the remaining balance; and,

WHEREAS, the District's Santa Ynez River water supply production is pursuant to three licenses issued by the State Water Resources Control Board and is dependent on the Above Narrows Account ("ANA") quantities as well as underflow conditions of the River, which accounts are being replenished in 2017; and,

WHEREAS, the District's Upland Groundwater Basin has been the primary source of supply and drought water bank in the event of water supply shortages such as in the 1988 to 1991 and during this critical drought of record 2011 to 2017 which production was reduced by 50% due to the State and court-ordered Hexavalent Chromium ("Cr6") new regulation beginning July 1, 2014 until the passage of Senate Bill 385 (Hueso - R, San Diego) authorizing the State Water Resources Control Board to grant a public water system a period of time to achieve compliance thus allowing the District to activate its Upland wells impacted by the MCL until January 1, 2020.

WHEREAS, in the best interest of the District and its water customers, it is necessary to establish adjusted water conservation measures commensurate with the water supplies now replenished and to customize those measures with the District's available and augmented water supplies to the extent necessary to meet projected the reduced demands while considering the financial stability and economic needs of the District; and,

WHEREAS, with the District's Upland Groundwater Basin water production restored, along with recharged Santa Ynez River accounts, and 60% or more allocation of SWP water plus Article 21 and carryover water from DWR, and the anticipated allocation by USBR on April 1, there is sufficient water production now and expected over the next two years to meet the average and maximum daily demand and peaking, which justifies rescinding the Stage 1 - Water Supply Shortage Emergency to an "Alert - Below Normal Water Supply" non-emergency status with customized conservation measures and those remaining State mandated conservation items as defined in Exhibit "A"; and,

WHEREAS, with an "Alert - Below Normal Water Supply" designation this cancels the suspension of issuing Can & Will Serve Letters for new, expanded or additional water service and allows authorizing the General Manager to take such action in conformance and compliance with the District's Rules and Regulations under Article 505.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees:


1. Rescind Resolution No. 753 Stage 1 - Water Supply Shortage Emergency due to the replenishment or augmentation of District water supplies now existing and anticipated in April 2017 and are of sufficient quantities to meet the average and maximum daily demand and peaking; and,
2. Approve and authorize an "Alert - Below Normal Water Supply" a non-emergency designation with conservation measures contained herein Exhibit "A"; and,
3. Revoke the suspension on issuing Can & Will Serve Letters for new, expanded or additional water service and authorize the General Manager to take such action in conformance and compliance with the District's Rules and Regulations under Article 505 and other related Articles; and,

BE IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

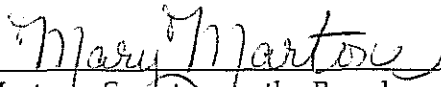
WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, being the duly qualified acting President and Secretary respectively, of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No. 1, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing resolution was adopted and passed by the Board of Trustees at a Regular meeting held on the 21st day of March, 2017, by the following roll call vote:

AYES, Trustees:	Harlan Burchardi Jeff Clay Michael Burchardi Brad Joos Kevin Walsh
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NOES, Trustees:	None
ABSENT, Trustees:	None



Kevin Walsh, President

ATTEST: 

Mary Martore, Secretary to the Board

EXHIBIT "A"

WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES AND CONDITIONS

- ❖ Alert - Below Normal Water Supply - Voluntary 10% reduction in water use by all Customers
 1. Water shall be used for beneficial purposes only; all unnecessary and wasteful uses of water are prohibited.
 2. Water shall be confined to the customer's property and shall not be allowed to run off to adjoining properties or to the roadside ditch or gutter. Care shall be taken not to water past the point of saturation.
 3. Landscape and lawn watering that causes runoff or within 48 hours of "measurable" rainfall is not allowed.
 4. Automatic shut-off devices must be attached on any hose or filling apparatus in use.
 5. All pools, spas, and ornamental fountains shall be equipped with a recirculation pump and shall be leak-proof.
 6. New swimming pool and spa filling is allowed. Draining and refilling of existing pools is allowed for health, maintenance, or structural considerations. Pool and spa covers are encouraged to avoid evaporation losses.
 7. Leaking customer pipes or faulty sprinklers shall be repaired within (5) five working days or less if warranted by the severity of the problem.
 8. Washing streets, parking lots, driveways, sidewalks, or buildings, except as necessary for health or sanitary purposes is prohibited.
 9. Use of "Temporary" water classification from meters and fire hydrant meters is prohibited for any purpose outside the District's boundaries.
 10. Use of "Emergency" water is prohibited outside the District boundaries to supply water to private property owners with private wells, or for public or private entities with their own source of water supply.
 11. Filling, re-filling or using District potable water to maintain water levels in any pond, lake, waterbody, man-made stream or waterway is prohibited.
 12. Customers are encouraged to take advantage of the conservation programs and rebates.
 13. Restaurants, hotels, cafes, cafeterias, or other public places where food is served are encouraged to provide water only upon request.
 14. Operators of hotels and motels are encouraged to display water conservation signs and provide guests with the option of choosing not to have towels and linens laundered daily. The hotel or motel should prominently display notice of this option in each guestroom using clear and easily understood language.
 15. Voluntary 10% reduction in water use.