



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Department Name:** PW/CEO  
**Department No.:** 054/012  
**For Agenda Of:** January 24, 2017  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department            Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer, 568-3400  
Director(s)                 Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Director, 568-3010

Contact Info:            Thomas D. Fayram, Deputy Public Works Director, 568-3436

**SUBJECT:**    **Resolution Supporting Water Restrictions for the Unincorporated Area in the County Served by the City of Santa Barbara, First Supervisorial District**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Other Concurrence:** N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

- a) Adopt the Resolution entitled "Resolution to Acknowledge and Support Water Restrictions Implemented in the Unincorporated Area in the County that is Served by the City of Santa Barbara" relating to municipal water service to County unincorporated properties served by the City of Santa Barbara; and
- b) Determine pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act Guideline 15378(b)(5) that the above action is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act review because it is organizational or administrative activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda in order to adopt the resolution entitled "Resolution to Acknowledge and Support Water Restrictions Implemented in the Unincorporated Area in the County that is Served by the City of Santa Barbara" (Attachment A). As California enters its sixth year of severe drought, water supply conditions in Santa Barbara County have become critical, particularly in the areas that are dependent on Cachuma Project water.

In response to dwindling supplies and the threat of not meeting peak demands, the City of Santa Barbara (City) has adopted a resolution to revise water use reductions and updates water use regulations that would restrict most outside watering of turf (Attachment B). Continued watering of trees and other plants would be permissible by drip irrigation. Attachment B was adopted by the City Council on December 6, 2016 and was effective January 1, 2017. Board approval and adoption of the County's resolution supporting the City's revised outside water use reductions is appropriate at this time.

The City provides water to various areas in the unincorporated County including Mission Canyon and the Barker Pass area. The City desires to implement the same water conservation measures for all properties they serve including the unincorporated areas of the County and in a letter (see Attachment C) as well as a follow up meeting has requested support from the County. The City, as the municipal supplier of water, has the authority to set rates and restrictions on water service for any properties they serve in the unincorporated County. Therefore, this resolution is intended to show County support for these conservation measures but is not required for the City to implement these restrictions. As the municipal supplier of water, the City has the authority for any non-compliance of properties they service in the unincorporated County.

**Background:**

Santa Barbara County is one of the hardest hit counties in California affected by the current drought. As the drought enters its sixth year, it has thus far proven to be the most severe drought in recorded history for the trailing five years. As such surface supplies for the South Coast, including Lake Cachuma, Gibraltar Reservoir, and Jamison Reservoir are essentially exhausted. Water purveyors have rushed to make up these supplies with imported State Water, reliance on groundwater, and as in the case with the City, resurrection of their desalination (desal) plant.

While the desal plant is scheduled to start delivery in Spring of 2017, supplies are still stretched and conservation is needed to bridge the issue of supply vs. demand.

In addition to the ongoing support of conservation measures, including support of the City on this issue, the County continues to convene the Drought Task Force (DTF) to coordinate efforts of County Departments and the County's Water Supply Joint Power Agreements with the Cachuma Operations and Maintenance Board (COMB) and the Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA). The DTF has also recently convened an action working group of water purveyors in the County to coordinate short-term, medium-term, and long-term approaches to the drought. These actions include emergency planning for water outages, methods of getting through the current water year, seeking water supply projects, and initiatives for future droughts. This recent effort came out of a coordinated meeting led by State Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson and the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES).

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: N/A

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Narrative:

There are no fiscal impacts associated with adoption of this resolution.

**Special Instructions:**

Direct the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of the resolution and minute order of these actions to the Water Agency office, Attn: Christina Lopez.

**Attachments:**

- Attachment A - Resolution entitled “Resolution to Acknowledge and Support Water Restrictions Implemented in the Unincorporated Area in the County that is Served by the City of Santa Barbara”
- Attachment B - Copy of “Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Establishing a Revised Water Use Regulation Target and Updated Water Use Regulations Effective During a Stage Three Drought Emergency and Repealing Resolution Nos. 14-009, 14-027, 15-036, and 16-023”
- Attachment C - Letter from Paul Casey to Mona Miyasato (dated August 24, 2016) requesting County’s support of their watering restrictions

**Authored by:**

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