

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**IN THE MATTER OF TERMINATION OF
PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE
OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY CAUSED BY
DROUGHT CONDITIONS**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, Government Code, Sections 8558 and 8630, et seq., and Chapter 12 of the Santa Barbara County Code empower the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the Board of Supervisors is not in session, subject to ratification by the Board of Supervisors within seven days; and

WHEREAS, drought conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property had arisen within this County; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services of the County of Santa Barbara did proclaim the existence of a Local Emergency Caused by Drought Conditions within Santa Barbara County on the 17th day of January 2014, at 2:00 p.m., at which time the Board of Supervisors was not in session; and

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2014 the Board of Supervisors found that conditions of extreme peril warranted and necessitated the ratification of the Proclamation of Local Emergency Caused by Drought Conditions; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 8630(c) requires the Board of Supervisors to review the need for the continued existence of a Proclamation of Local Emergency at least every 60 days and Government Code Section 8630(d) requires termination of a Proclamation of Local Emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant; and

WHEREAS, drought conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property in Santa Barbara County no longer exist due to significant precipitation this rain season; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County is now listed by the US Drought Monitor as “No Drought”; and

WHEREAS, the current State Water allocation was raised to 35% and is anticipated to increase more; and

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WHEREAS, on March 9, 2019, the capacity of Lake Cachuma is 71% and rising (from a low of near 7%) with 137,739 acre-feet. The County-wide percentage of “Normal Water-Year” rainfall is 114% for the 2018-19 rain year with more storms forecasted; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Barbara's Desalination facility continues to produce drinking water for the City of Santa Barbara and is currently moving forward on an agreement with Montecito Water District on expanding desal water production for Montecito; and

WHEREAS, the Rey Fire in 2016 and the Whittier and Thomas Fires in 2017 all occurred in the reservoirs’ watersheds. All three reservoirs are impacted with increased sedimentation from the burn areas. This impact will continue depending on the amount and the intensity of rainfall over the next 2 to 3 year’s winter storms. This will impact their overall water storage capacity. In addition, water quality will be reduced with the increased sedimentation and organics; and

WHEREAS, ground water recharge will take years to fully recover and therefore communities are still required by local water purveyors to conserve water; and

WHEREAS, recurring droughts in Santa Barbara County are more likely with the impacts of climate change so when drought conditions occur in the future a new Local Emergency will need to be proclaimed; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the conditions of extreme peril warranting the Proclamation of Local Emergency Caused by Drought Conditions no longer exist; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the Local Emergency Caused by Drought Conditions will be terminated by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara.

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PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California this 19th day of March, 2019 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

STEVE LAVAGNINO, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

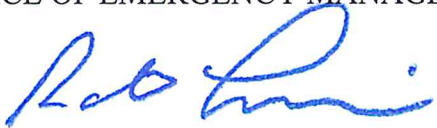
ATTEST:
MONA MIYASATO
CLERK OF THE BOARD

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
MICHAEL C. GHIZZONI
COUNTY COUNSEL

By _____
Deputy

By _____
Deputy

DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
ROBERT LEWIN
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

By  _____