

**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. \_\_\_\_\_**

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**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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 at the lowest drought intensity level of D0; and

**WHEREAS**, the current State Water allocation of 15% is anticipated to increase; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 19, 2019, the capacity of Lake Cachuma is 60% and rising (from a low of near 7%) with 114,823 acre-feet. The County-wide percentage of “Normal Water-Year” rainfall is 94% for the 2018-19 rain year with more storms forecasted; and

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**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 carbon; and

**WHEREAS**, recurring droughts in Santa Barbara County are more likely with the impacts of climate change so if 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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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 \_\_\_\_\_