

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

**IN THE MATTER OF RE-RATIFYING
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 have 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 30 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 persist, and warrant the ongoing Proclamation of Local Emergency Caused by Drought; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County is at the D2 Drought Level of Severe; and

WHEREAS, reliance on the State water system as the primary source of water for many parts of the County leaves the County vulnerable to water outages and shortages; and

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WHEREAS, the capacity of Lake Cachuma is 40.2% (from a low of near 7%) with 77,683 acre-feet. The County-wide percentage of “normal Water-Year” rainfall is only 51%; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Barbara’s Desalination facility is now operating. The facility has the capacity to produce nearly 3 million gallons of water per day, which is equivalent to 3,125 acre-feet of water annually or about 30% of the City’s demand; and

WHEREAS, The Rey Fire last year and the recent Whittier Fire both occurred in the reservoirs’ watersheds. Now with the Thomas Fire, all three reservoirs are now impacted significantly and will add significantly to sedimentation to the Jameson, Gibraltar, and Cachuma reservoirs depending on both the amount and the intensity of 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

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the conditions warranting the Proclamation of Local Emergency Caused by Drought Conditions continue to exist and the Proclamation of the Local Emergency Caused by Drought Conditions shall remain in place; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the Local Emergency Caused by Drought Conditions will be terminated at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant.

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PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa
Barbara, State of California this 10th day of April, 2018 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

DAS WILLIAMS, 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 _____