

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

**IN THE MATTER OF 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, the State of California declared a Drought State of Emergency effective the 17th day of January 2014; the State is experiencing record dry conditions, with 2014 the driest year on record and 2015-2016 rain year ending below average, resulting in no significant inflow to the County's surface reservoirs. The Drought State of Emergency remains in place; and

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WHEREAS, although the reservoirs in Northern California have fared better last winter, the State Water Project is delivering less than 50% of the contracted water. For many purveyors, State Water deliveries are supplemental only and cannot typically supply the entire demand of their systems; and

WHEREAS, the level of Lake Cachuma is now at 7% with storage of 14,000 Acre-feet, which is below the level needed for water to flow unassisted into Tecolote Tunnel and the South Coast distribution system. On August 24, 2015, pumps were activated to elevate lake water into Tecolote Tunnel, enabling the uninterrupted distribution of water to the South Coast. With continued lack of inflow to the lake and falling lake levels last spring and into summer, the Pump Barge facility needed to be moved to deeper water. This move was completed on June 30, 2016.

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Barbara Desalination facility has had to delay the operation of the facility now projected to be late winter with a production of nearly 3 million gallons per day. This is equivalent to 3,125 acre-feet of water annually or about 30% of the City's demand.

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.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California this 11th day of October, 2016 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Barbara**

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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 _____