

**RESOLUTION OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY WATER AGENCY
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE SMALL)
COMMUNITY DROUGHT RELIEF GRANT)
FOR ROLLING HILLS EMERGENCY)
INTERTIE PROJECT) RESOLUTION NO: 21-212**

WHEREAS, Rolling Hills Mutual Water Company (Rolling Hills MWC) experienced a groundwater well failure and no longer has a reliable water supply;

WHEREAS, Rolling Hills MWC proposed to implement an emergency connection between Rolling Hills MWC and Golden State Water Company (Emergency Intertie Project);

WHEREAS, the Emergency Intertie Project is being implemented in response to a drought scenario, as defined by Water Code section 13198(a) and is intended to: (1) address immediate impacts on human health and safety; (2) address immediate impacts on fish and wildlife resources; or, (3) provide water to persons or communities that lose or are threatened with the loss or contamination of water supplies;

WHEREAS, in 2021 the California State Legislature authorized the Department of Water Resources (DWR) Small Community Drought Relief Program pursuant to the Budget Act of 2021 (Stats. 2021, ch. 69, §112) and its Trailer Bill, Assembly Bill 148 (Stats. 2021, ch. 115, § 97);

WHEREAS, Rolling Hills MWC applied for and was awarded a grant under the Small Community Drought Relief Program in the amount of \$29,300 to complete the Emergency Intertie Project;

WHEREAS, Rolling Hills MWC lacks the funding to pay for the Emergency Intertie Project prior to reimbursement by DWR;

WHEREAS, Rolling Hills MWC has requested that the Santa Barbara County Water Agency accept the Small Community Drought Relief Program funding grant and execute the Emergency Intertie Project;

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Water Agency set aside funding for emergency drought relief projects in the 2021-22 fiscal year budget and has experience managing DWR grants; and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Santa Barbara County Water Agency finds that use of this emergency drought funding until said Grants funds are received serves the public purpose of enabling water service for County residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Santa Barbara County Water Agency approves the following:

1. The Public Works Director or designee is hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all grant agreements, amendments, and subsequent agreements with DWR to receive Small Community Drought Relief Program grant funding to execute the Emergency Intertie Project.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Barbara County Water Agency, State of California, on this 9th day of November, 2021 by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Williams, Hart, Hartmann, Nelson, and Lavagnino

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST:
MONA MIYASATO,
COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Ex Officio Clerk of the Board of Directors
of the Santa Barbara County Water Agency

By: *Shirley de la Guerra*
Deputy

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