

# ATTACHMENT A

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN SUPPORT OF THE “PROPOSAL TO THE GOVERNOR’S TASK FORCE” THAT CONTAINS A LIST OF REGIONAL PRIORITY WATER PROJECTS; AND DIRECT STAFF TO FORWARD THE PROPOSAL TO STATE OFFICIALS**

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

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**WHEREAS**, On January 15, 2014, the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Declared 27 Counties in California, including Santa Barbara County, to be designated as primary natural disaster areas due to drought conditions. Subsequently, on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014, the Governor declared a statewide State of Emergency for Drought in the State of California. In turn, on the same date the Santa Barbara County Director of Emergency Services signed a Proclamation for a Local Emergency for Drought that was ratified by the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors on January 21, 2014 and has been re-ratified at least every 30 days thereafter; and

**WHEREAS**, supplies from Lake Cachuma, a major water supply for many communities, have been largely unavailable during the drought, with no local Cachuma water being allocated for the last two years; and

**WHEREAS**, during the drought, County water providers serving communities in the County have been forced to rely on local groundwater and State Water Project deliveries, including some into a nearly empty Lake Cachuma ; and

**WHEREAS**, from August 24, 2015 until the recent storms, the level of Lake Cachuma remained below the level needed for water to flow naturally into Tecolote Tunnel and the South Coast distribution system without the aid of a temporary emergency pumping system; and

**WHEREAS**, although most of California recently emerged from a drought emergency, Santa Barbara County continues to be in a D1 moderate drought and the Lake Cachuma

reservoir, which provides in a normal year about 25,000 AF of water supply, is below 50% capacity; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the continued drought conditions facing Santa Barbara County the Governor's Drought Task Force directed the County, local agencies, and Cal OES to work together to address the infrastructure needs and contingency planning necessary to maintain public health and safety during the immediate drought, and identify projects that can provide long term mitigation against future droughts; and

**WHEREAS**, the attached "Proposal to the Governor's Drought Task Force" dated February 8, 2017, contains a list of projects addressing immediate and long term drought needs. This Proposal was developed by a local Action Working Group comprised of local water purveyors, local elected officials and staff; and

**WHEREAS**, Cal OES, Santa Barbara County, and local water agencies will work together to develop a contingency plan and conduct Table Top exercises to prevent or significantly mitigate the likelihood of water shortages and outages from occurring over the next 12-18 months,

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara supports the attached "Proposal to the Governor's Drought Task Force" and directs County Staff to forward a copy of the Proposal to the Governor's Drought Task Force, State Senator Jackson, State Assemblymember Limón, State Assemblymember Cunningham and to Cal OES.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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

Resolution Approving Sending Proposal to Governor's Drought Task Force

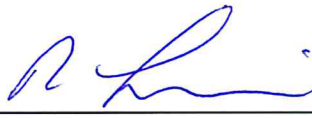
ATTEST:  
MONA MIYASATO  
CLERK OF THE BOARD

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
MICHAEL C. GHIZZONI  
COUNTY COUNSEL

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

By  \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
ROBERT LEWIN  
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

By  \_\_\_\_\_