

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

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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 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 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 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. As of December 20, 2016, this rain year has recorded no measurable runoff into surface reservoirs. The Drought State of Emergency remains in place; and

**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 minimum pool 8% with storage of over 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. Recent rainfall has not been significant enough to cause any runoff into the reservoirs.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Barbara Desalination facility has had to delay the operation of the facility now projected to be early spring 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.

Resolution Ratifying Proclamation of Local Emergency  
Caused by Drought Conditions

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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

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 \_\_\_\_\_