

ATTACHMENT A

**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, the State of California declared a Drought State of Emergency effective the 17th day of January 2014; Santa Barbara County still remains at the D1 Drought level of Moderate; and

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

WHEREAS, recent storms have impacted the County and have triggered significant inflow into Lake Cachuma in recent weeks that has not been seen in several years. The inflow has increased the capacity to nearly 50% (from a low of near 7%). This percent capacity was last seen in August of 2013 just prior to the County proclaiming a drought emergency. As of February 23, 2017, Cachuma's storage was at approximately 95,000 acre-feet; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 the level of Lake Cachuma fell below the level needed for water to flow unassisted into Tecolote Tunnel requiring a pump barge facility be installed. That pump barge has recently been removed due to water level increases in the lake that allow for gravity feed into Tecolote Tunnel; and

WHEREAS, there have been a number of construction issues that have delayed the opening of the City of Santa Barbara's Desalination facility. The facility is now projected to go online in late spring. It will produce nearly 3 million gallons per day, which is equivalent to 3,125 acre-feet of water annually or about 30% of the City's demand; and

WHEREAS, a Drought Action Working Group formed at the request of the State Drought Task Force, has identify projects to help mitigate drought impacts, and developed contingency plans for a water outage or shortage; 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 4th day of April, 2017 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**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  _____