

**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, 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 water outages and shortages; and

WHEREAS, the capacity of Lake Cachuma is approximately 51% (from a low of near 7%) with 99,000 acre-feet. With the dry season upon us, it is anticipated that there will be little to no more increases in the reservoir capacity until the next rain season and levels will begin to drop with summer-time water use.; 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 May. 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 was formed at the request of the State Drought Task Force. A majority of the local water agencies participated in the Drought Action Working Group; it was facilitated by the Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Management. The Drought Action Working Group identified projects which address the immediate drought emergency and projects that address the sustainability of our long-term water supply. A proposal with the project list has been forwarded to the State Drought Task Force. Staff will continue to work with the State Drought Task Force and local water agencies, to fund and implement these projects; 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 16th day of May, 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  _____