

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

**IN THE MATTER OF CONFIRMING
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, 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 projected to become the driest year on record; and

WHEREAS, the State's water supplies have dipped to alarming levels, indicated by: snowpack in California's mountains is approximately 20 percent of the normal average for this date; California's largest water reservoirs have very low water levels for this time of year; California's major river systems, including the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers, have significantly reduced surface water flows; and groundwater levels throughout the state have dropped significantly, and;

WHEREAS, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within this County, caused by current drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services of the County of Santa Barbara did proclaim the existence of a local emergency 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 (a copy is attached of the "Proclamation of Local Emergency by Director of Emergency Services"); and

WHEREAS, said Board of Supervisors hereby finds these conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the ratification of the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the proclamation of the existence of an emergency as issued by the Director of Emergency Services is confirmed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, California

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California this _____ day of January, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES: X

NOES: X

ABSTAIN: X

ABSENT: X

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

ATTEST:
MONA MIYASATO
CLERK OF THE BOARD

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
MICHAEL GHIZZONI
COUNTY COUNSEL

By _____
Deputy

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CHIEF
RYAN ROCKABRAND
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

By _____