

**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

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 39.1% (from a low of near 7%) with 75.662 acre-feet. This is below the capacity in January 2014 when the County Board of Supervisors first proclaimed a drought emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Barbara's Desalination facility is still in its start-up phase and is intermittently contributing to the City's regular water supply. Once the facility is continuously online, it will have the capacity to produce nearly 3 million gallons of water per day, which is equivalent to 3,125 acre-feet of water annually or about 30% of the City's demand.; and

WHEREAS, the Rey Fire last year and the recent Whittier Fire, both occurred in the reservoirs' watersheds. This will add significant sedimentation and carbon to the Gibraltar and Cachuma reservoirs depending on both the amount and the intensity of the next 2 to 3 years' winter storms. This will impact their overall water storage capacity and the water quality; 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.

Resolution Re-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 12th day of December, 2017 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

JOAN HARTMANN, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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  _____