

Attachment A

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
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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 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 D4 Drought level of Exceptional. Despite recent rains, runoff into area reservoirs and ground basins remains minimal; 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 crisis; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 the level of Lake Cachuma fell below the level needed for water to flow unassisted into Tecolote Tunnel, which is the conduit for distributing water from the lake to the South Coast. On August 24, 2015, pumps were activated to elevate lake water into Tecolote Tunnel, which enabled the uninterrupted distribution of water. In 2016 the lake level continued to drop, which necessitated moving the Pump Barge facility to deeper water. This move was completed on June 30, 2016. Recent rainfall has not significantly raised the level of the lake. On January 18, 2017 the level of Lake Cachuma was only 9.2% of capacity (17,810 acre-feet). The Pump Barge facility is still in full operation; 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 is working to identify projects to help mitigate drought impacts, and to develop contingency plans for a water crisis; 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 7th day of February, 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  _____