

**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. \_\_\_\_\_**

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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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 60 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 is at the D2 Drought Level of Severe; 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

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**WHEREAS**, the capacity of Lake Cachuma is 30.8% (from a low of near 7%) with 59,581 acre-feet. The County-wide percentage of “normal Water-Year” rainfall for the period from September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018 was only 54% and is currently 2% for the 2018-19 rain year, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Barbara's Desalination facility continues to produce drinking water for the City of Santa Barbara. The next milestone is for the facility to pass acceptance, which pertains to language in the contract. The facility has 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 in 2016 and the Whittier and Thomas Fires in 2017 all occurred in the reservoirs' watersheds. All three reservoirs are impacted with increased sedimentation from the burn areas. This impact will continue depending on the amount and the intensity of rainfall over the next 2 to 3 year's winter storms. This will impact their overall water storage capacity. In addition, water quality will be reduced with the increased sedimentation and carbon; 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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DAS WILLIAMS, 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 \_\_\_\_\_