

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-20
Introduced by the Water Management and
Long Range Planning Committee

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOLETA WATER DISTRICT BOARD
DECLARING A STAGE III WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Goleta Water District ("District") is a County water district organized and existing under the laws of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, the Board declared a Stage One Water Shortage, on March 11, 2014 by Resolution No. 2014-08, and a Stage II Water Shortage Emergency on September 9, 2014 by Resolution No. 2014-31, and since such declarations, there has been a continued lack of significant rainfall, dry weather conditions, and statewide water supply shortages impacting the District; and

WHEREAS, the District's water allocation from Lake Cachuma for the 2014-2015 water year was reduced to 45% of normal deliveries; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the District's Drought Preparedness and Water Shortage Contingency Plan ("Contingency Plan"), a Stage III water shortage exists when any one of the following occur: water supply is 65% to 75% of normal for the next twelve months, water supply is insufficient to provide 65% of normal deliveries for the next twenty four months, or contamination of 30% of water supply exceeds primary drinking water standards; and

WHEREAS, if current conditions persist, the District's estimated future water supply is projected to be 74% of normal, with normal defined in the District Urban Water Management Plan as 15,472 acre feet excluding recycled water, for the next twelve months; and

WHEREAS, as of April 27, 2015 yearly rainfall in Goleta was 60% of normal and the Cachuma Reservoir level was at 27.6% of capacity; and

WHEREAS, if system-wide demand reductions are not achieved as needed during the continuing drought emergency, the District's estimated future supply will not be sufficient to satisfy the ordinary demands and requirements of District water consumers such that there would be insufficient water for human consumption, sanitation, and fire protection; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2015 the Governor of the State of California issued Executive Order B-29-15 aimed at achieving a statewide 25% reduction in potable urban water use through February 2016; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order, the California State Water Board has proposed draft regulations requiring that the District reduce potable water use by at least 12%.

Now, therefore be it found, determined and resolved by the Board of Directors of Goleta Water district as follows:

1. In order to protect the water supply and reduce water use demand, the Board does hereby declare that a Stage III Water Shortage emergency exists.

2. Pursuant to the District's Contingency Plan, the District shall carry out actions to reduce water demand including:
 - a. Urge the public to engage in water conservation activities and to reduce water use by at least 35%;
 - b. Intensify drought outreach programs to educate the public with respect to water conservation;
 - c. Continue to enforce demand reduction restrictions and prohibitions that will reduce non-essential water use, including an enforcement component to achieve compliance;
 - d. Consider implementation of drought surcharges, consistent with the requirements of Proposition 218, to serve as the primary disincentive for high water use and drive customer conservation; and
 - e. Analyze drought impacts and demand reductions, and prepare for implementation of subsequent water shortage stages.

3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Goleta Water District this 12th day of May, 2015 by the following roll call vote:

AYE: Directors Cunningham, Hanson, Merrifield, Rosen, West

NAY: None


ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST:



JOHN D. MCINNES
DISTRICT SECRETARY



LAUREN HANSON, PRESIDENT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS