

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-74

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ACTING IN ITS CAPACITY AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF ALL COUNTY SERVICE AREAS AND THEIR ZONES PROVIDING WATER SERVICE, RESCINDING CONSERVATION STAGE 2 DROUGHT LEVEL AND DECLARING STAGE 1 DROUGHT LEVEL

On Tuesday, May 23, 2023, on motion of Supervisor Baca, Jr., duly seconded by Supervisor Hagman carried, the following resolution is adopted by the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County, State of California.

WHEREAS, on April 21, May 10, July 8, and October 19, 2021, Governor Newsom issued proclamations that a state of emergency exists statewide due to severe drought conditions and directed state agencies to take immediate action to preserve critical water supplies and mitigate the effects of drought and ensure the protection of health, safety, and the environment; and

WHEREAS, these proclamations urge Californians to reduce their water use; and

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2022, the Governor issued Executive Order N-7-22 proclaiming that the state of emergency continued to exist across all the counties of California, due to extreme and expanding drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, on May 24, 2022, acting on Governor Gavin Newsom's direction, the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) adopted an emergency regulation that went into effect on June 10, 2022, and includes: commercial, industrial, and institutional decorative grass should not be watered, give all trees just what they need, avoid overwatering, follow the local requirements of your water supplier, and all urban water suppliers should implement all Level 2 demand reduction actions; and

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2022, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 2022-146 declaring Water Conservation Stage 2 - Drought Alert according to the Water Conservation Program Ordinance No. SD 15-04 and authorizing the Director or Assistant Director of the Department of Public Works to take any or all actions authorized for Conservation Stage 2 – Drought Alert.

WHEREAS, improved conditions have helped rehabilitate surface water supplies, but have not abated severe drought conditions that remain in some parts of the State. Significant drought conditions continue to present urgent challenges, and new, expedited actions are needed to reduce the harmful impacts of the drought; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2023, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-5-23 and proclaimed the ending of certain water restrictions put in place to reduce the impact of a multi-year drought throughout the counties of California; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Executive Order N-5-23 included a request that the State Water Board require urban water suppliers to end the implementation of Level 2 and implement Level 1 of their water shortage contingency plans and end the voluntary 15% water conservation target; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing drought will have significant, immediate impacts on communities with vulnerable water supplies that rely on stream flow and groundwater; and

WHEREAS, Governor Gavin Newsom calls on all Californians to strive to limit summertime water use and to use water more efficiently indoors and outdoors; and

WHEREAS, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No.15-04 on June 23, 2015, establishing a water conservation program that provides conservation stages 1 through 4 to comply with the State's water shortage response actions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County, State of California, acting as the governing body of all County Service Areas and their Zones providing water service, does hereby rescind Resolution No. 2022-146 declaring Water Conversation Stage 2 Drought Alert and declare a Stage 1 Drought Watch for all County Service Areas and their Zones, and directs the Director of the Department of Public Works – Special Districts to take any and all actions authorized for Stage1 Drought Watch under Ordinance No.SD 15-04. Outdoor irrigation shall be limited to four days per week with specific days to be designated by the Director of the Department of Public Works - Special Districts.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County, State of California, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS: Jesse Armendarez, Dawn Rowe, Curt Hagman, Joe Baca, Jr.

NOES: SUPERVISORS: None

ABSENT: SUPERVISORS: Col. Paul Cook (Ret.)

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) ss.
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY)

I, **LYNNA MONELL**, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County, State of California, hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true, and correct copy of the record of the action taken by the Board of Supervisors, by vote of the members present, as the same appears in the Official Minutes of said Board at its meeting of May 23, 2023. Item #94 JLL

LYNNA MONELL
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By  Deputy
