

RESOLUTION NO. 1989

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
CALLEGUAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY REGARDING  
CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

WHEREAS, Calleguas Municipal Water District (Calleguas) is organized and existing under and by virtue of the Municipal Water District Law [Water Code §§71000-73001]; and

WHEREAS, Calleguas' mission is to provide its service area with a reliable supplemental supply of regional and locally developed water in an environmentally and economically responsible manner; and

WHEREAS, in December 2019, an outbreak of respiratory illness due to a novel coronavirus (a disease now known as COVID-19), was first identified in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China, and has spread outside of China, impacting many countries, including the United States; and

WHEREAS, Calleguas is monitoring the actions of the State of California, which has been working in close collaboration with the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), with the United States Department of Health & Human Services, and with local health departments since December 2019 to monitor and plan for the potential spread of COVID-19 to the United States; and

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2020, the CDC activated its Emergency Response System to provide ongoing support for the response to COVID-19 across the country; and

WHEREAS on January 24, 2020, the California Department of Public Health activated its Medical and Health Coordination Center and on March 2, 2020, the Office of Emergency Services activated the State Operations Center to support and guide state and local actions to preserve public health; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of California issued a Proclamation of Emergency, declaring an emergency based on the spread of COVID-19 and increasing instances in California; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the County of Ventura and the Ventura County Public Health Department declared a local health emergency regarding COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 to be a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Department of Ventura County Health Care Agency declared a local health emergency in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America declared a national emergency to address COVID-19; and

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WHEREAS, as of March 14, 2020, there were 335 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and four deaths in California, and officials expect the number of cases in California to increase (see <http://cdph.ca.gov/covid19>);

WHEREAS, as of March 16, 2020, there are more than 3,400 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and a growing number of a deaths in the United States, and officials expect the number of cases in the United States and worldwide to increase (see <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov>); and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020 The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California declared a state of emergency related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Water Code §71590 authorizes Calleguas to exercise the powers which are expressly granted by the Municipal Water District Law or which are necessarily implied; and

WHEREAS, the Calleguas Administrative Code authorizes the declaration of an emergency, and the taking of appropriate actions, if a determination is made that Calleguas' ability to provide services is jeopardized by unanticipated events; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors and General Manager of Calleguas are in agreement that an emergency exists concerning COVID-19 and that action is required and/or may be required by Calleguas to ensure that it is able to carry out its mission.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS as follows:

1. That an emergency is hereby declared by Calleguas concerning COVID-19.
2. Calleguas staff are authorized to implement actions as may be required to ensure that Calleguas' ability to provide services is not jeopardized by COVID-19 including implementation of the Calleguas Pandemic Response Plan, Pandemic Sick Leave Policy, and Pandemic Telecommuting & Flexible Work Schedule Policy as adopted by the Board, and including any subsequent revisions thereto.
3. The General Manager is authorized to exercise his authority under the Calleguas Administrative Code to ensure that Calleguas' ability to provide services is not jeopardized by COVID-19.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this eighteenth day of March, 2020.

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Thomas L. Slosson, President  
Board of Directors

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors of Calleguas Municipal Water District held on March 18, 2020.

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Andy Waters, Secretary  
Board of Directors