

RESOLUTION NO. 2041

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF CALLEGUAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
DECLARING A STAGE 3 WATER SHORTAGE
AND CALLING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF
MANDATORY CONSERVATION MEASURES

WHEREAS, Calleguas Municipal Water District (Calleguas or District) is responsible for providing a reliable supply of high-quality, supplemental water to the communities of southeastern Ventura County; and

WHEREAS, Calleguas is reliant upon deliveries of water imported by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) from the California State Water Project (SWP), and is considered a SWP dependent agency within the Metropolitan service area; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has entered a third consecutive year of drought during which annual precipitation, snowpack, and resultant runoff levels have been markedly below that which is needed to both adequately replenish key reservoirs and meet current water demands; and

WHEREAS, in June 2021, Calleguas adopted an Urban Water Management Plan pursuant to the California law, which includes a Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) that is triggered during Water Shortage conditions and describes staged actions the District may take to manage demand and allocate available supplies; and

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2021, the Board of Directors of Calleguas adopted Resolution 2024 which declared a Stage 2 Water Shortage and called for enhanced water use efficiency efforts; and

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed that a state of emergency exists in all California counties due to severe drought conditions, and called on all local and regional water suppliers to implement WSCPs that are responsive to local conditions; and

WHEREAS, on November 9, 2021, Metropolitan declared that specified drought emergency conditions exist within its service area and called on all member agencies to immediately implement conservation to reduce the use of SWP supplies; and

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2021, the Board of Directors of Calleguas adopted Resolution 2033 which called upon those purveyors receiving water from Calleguas to implement appropriate measures to achieve a 15 percent reduction in demands from 2020 to extend SWP storage reserves; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2022, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) announced that it reduced the calendar year 2022 SWP allocation to five percent, and current projections indicate that the final allocation will remain five percent; and

WHEREAS, DWR has a limited supply of water available for SWP contractors to utilize for Human Health and Safety (HH&S) but that access to HH&S water requires: the contractor to demonstrate robust conservation efforts with mandatory requirements; the repayment of all HH&S water in future years; and future investments to reduce reliance on the SWP to meet HH&S needs; and

WHEREAS, Metropolitan announced that, in light of the five percent SWP allocation, there are insufficient supplies to meet normal demands in SWP dependent areas in calendar year 2022, even with the utilization of HH&S water; and

WHEREAS, Metropolitan is developing an approach to allocate water to its SWP dependent Member Agencies which is expected to be based on DWR's 55 gallons-per-capita-per day (GPCD) indoor water use target, including HH&S water use requirements established by DWR, and will incorporate a water balance target that considers all available potable supplies to serve the population within the SWP dependent areas in calendar year 2022; and

WHEREAS, GPCD potable water use within the Calleguas service area is approximate 175 GPCD, and the initial water balance target for calendar year 2022 proposed by Metropolitan for its SWP dependent areas is 135 GPCD, which represents a water use target reduction of more than 20 percent; and

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2022, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-7-22 calling on each urban water supplier that has submitted a WSCP to implement, at a minimum, a Level 2 Water Shortage, and encourages conservation based on a shortage level of up to thirty percent (Level 3 Water Shortage); and

WHEREAS, Calleguas Ordinance 12 codifies rules and regulations for water service, including service during times of Water Shortage.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Calleguas Municipal Water District, in accordance with its Water Shortage Contingency Plan, hereby declares that a Stage 3 Water Shortage exists in its service area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that water users within the Calleguas service area should immediately reduce their water use by up to thirty percent and implement feasible water use efficiency measures in an effort to extend stored SWP water supplies and minimize effects associated with prevailing drought conditions. The statewide Save Our Water conservation campaign at saveourwater.com provides simple ways for all water users to reduce water use in their everyday lives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, when Metropolitan formally adopts its water allocations for Calleguas, Calleguas will impose appropriate regulations, restrictions, and penalties pursuant to Ordinance 12 and California Water Code §§350 et. seq. and California Water Code §§71640 et seq to implement mandatory actions to further preserve water supplies necessary to meet health and safety water demands.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this sixth day of April, 2022.

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Steve Blois

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Steve Blois, President
Board of Directors

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of Calleguas Municipal Water District held on April 6, 2022.

ATTEST:

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Raul Avila

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Raul Avila, Secretary
Board of Directors

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