

RESOLUTION NO. 1816

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF CALLEGUAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
CALLING FOR ENHANCED WATER USE EFFICIENCY
EFFORTS TO CONSERVE AND EXTEND
REGIONAL WATER RESERVES

WHEREAS, Calleguas Municipal Water District (Calleguas) is responsible for providing a reliable supply of high quality, supplemental water to the communities of southern Ventura County, for which this supply comprises 70% of Calleguas purveyors' combined water demand; and

WHEREAS, Calleguas is entirely reliant upon deliveries of water imported by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California from the California State Water Project (SWP); and

WHEREAS, the State of California experienced its driest year on record in 2013, is now in its third consecutive year of drought, and in each year of the current drought, annual precipitation levels were inadequate to fill the state's key reservoirs, and

WHEREAS, on November 20, 2013, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) announced an initial allocation of 5 percent of requested deliveries to SWP contractors in calendar year 2014 -- a historic low; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service's most recent *Three-Month Outlook* for California forecasts above normal temperatures and below normal precipitation throughout the entire state; and

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2014, California Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. officially proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist due to drought conditions and has called on Californians to reduce their water usage and directed state officials to take all necessary actions to alleviate drought impacts throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2014, upon determining that the northern Sierra snowpack was 6 percent of average, the lowest level since record-keeping began in 1960, DWR announced a reduction in the SWP annual allocation from five percent to zero, an unprecedented action; and

WHEREAS, following the severe 1987-92 drought, southern California water agencies aggressively developed and implemented a variety of programs designed to buffer against the social and economic impacts of water shortages due to drought; and

WHEREAS, Over the past 20 years, southern California rate payers have invested more than \$5 billion in regional storage, infrastructure improvements, and water conservation programs that are now serving to sustain supplies during this historic dry period; and

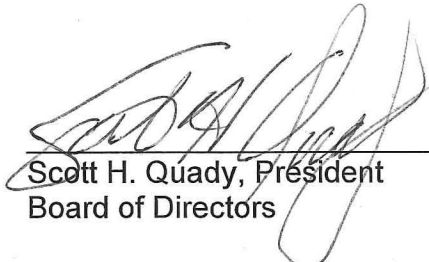
WHEREAS, Metropolitan has indicated that its water storage reserves dedicated to meeting regional drought demands remain relatively high at nearly 2.4 million acre feet and, as such, it does not intend to institute mandatory water delivery reductions within its service area in 2014, and

WHEREAS, nonetheless, the current extreme statewide drought condition serves to underscore the long-standing inadequacy of the existing Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta water conveyance system, which resulted in the loss of an estimated 900,000 acre feet to state and federal water contractors in 2013, as well as the need for additional storage facilities and enhanced conservation measures to maintain reliable supplies during prolonged water shortages.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Calleguas Municipal Water District encourages water users within its service area to remain mindful of their water use and implement feasible water use efficiency measures in an effort to extend stored water supplies and minimize effects associated with a prolonged drought condition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we urge Governor Brown, the Obama administration, members of congress, state legislators, and local elected officials and policymakers to support the Bay Delta Conservation Plan process and other state and regional initiatives necessary to improve water reliability for current and future Californians.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this fifth day of February, 2014.



Scott H. Quady, President
Board of Directors

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Calleguas Municipal Water District held on February 5, 2014.

ATTEST:



Andy Waters, Secretary
Board of Directors

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