

RESOLUTION NO. 1845

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF CALLEGUAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
APPEALING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF EXTRAORDINARY
CONSERVATION EFFORTS AND A MINIMUM 20 PERCENT
REDUCTION IN WATER USE WITHIN ITS SERVICE AREA IN
CONSIDERATION OF HISTORIC DROUGHT CONDITIONS

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 three-quarters 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 (Metropolitan) primarily from the California State Water Project (SWP); and

WHEREAS, the State of California is in its third consecutive year of unprecedented drought with state temperatures five degrees above average from January through May of 2014, as documented by the National Climatic Data Center; 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 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, the State Water Project allocation remains at 5 percent of requested deliveries for calendar year 2014 -- a historic low; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service's most recent *Three-Month Outlook* for California for the remainder of the 2014 water year forecasts above normal temperatures throughout the entire state; and

WHEREAS, on February 11, 2014, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California declared a Water Supply Alert calling for cities, counties, member agencies and retail water agencies to implement extraordinary conservation through drought ordinances and other measures to mitigate use of storage reserves; and

WHEREAS, following an exceptionally dry and warm winter season, on April 25, 2014, Governor Brown issued a second Executive Order asking Californians to redouble their efforts to conserve water, calling on "every city, every community, every Californian to conserve water in every way possible", and directing the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt and implement emergency regulations, as necessary, to prevent the waste and unreasonable use of water and to promote water recycling or water conservation; and

WHEREAS, although prior regional investments in water storage, infrastructure improvements, and efficiency programs will serve to sustain adequate supplies for the Calleguas service area during the remainder of 2014, in the event dry conditions persist in

the coming year and conservation measures are not taken immediately by southland water users that result in substantial water savings, dwindling water reserves will not likely meet regional demands, thereby triggering potentially severe, mandatory delivery cutbacks in 2015; and

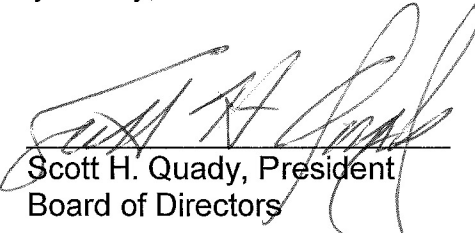
WHEREAS, the current extreme statewide drought condition serves to underscore the long-standing inadequacy of the existing Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta water conveyance system, which resulted in the loss of an estimated 900,000 acre feet to state and federal water contractors in 2013, as well as the 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, under its adopted water shortage contingency plan, declares that a Stage 3 Shortage exists and urges area water users to 1) implement extraordinary water conservation measures in an effort to reduce water consumption by a minimum of 20 percent and extend available water reserves and 2) vigorously explore and participate in the numerous water saving tips and rebate programs offered through www.bewatewise.com; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Calleguas encourages its area retail water purveyors to fully implement their respective drought response plans and conservation ordinances in light of Governor Brown's April 25, 2014 Executive Order and the rapidly dwindling SWP storage supplies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Calleguas remains steadfast in its support of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) and regional initiatives necessary to improve water reliability for current and future Californians and, as such, implores Governor Brown, the Obama administration, members of congress, state legislators, and local elected officials and policymakers to actively support these efforts.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this second day of July, 2014.


Scott H. Quady, 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 July 2, 2014.

ATTEST:


Andres Santamaria, Secretary
Board of Directors

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