

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-05
(REPEALING AND REPLACING RESOLUTION 15-05)**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SOQUEL CREEK WATER DISTRICT
DECLARING A WATER SHORTAGE STAGE AND ENACTING APPROPRIATE
SHORTAGE MEASURES**

WHEREAS, the local groundwater basin that provides water to the District is in a serious state of overdraft whereby more water is being annually extracted than can be naturally recharged by precipitation; and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2014, the Board of Directors adopted Resolution 14-22 declaring a Groundwater Emergency due to the long-term overdraft of the coastal aquifers and seawater intrusion; and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2014, the Board of Directors adopted Resolution 14-21 declaring a Stage 3 Water Shortage Stage with a curtailment target of 25% and required additional measures, above and beyond voluntary actions, for water use reduction; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2015 Governor Brown issued Executive Order B-29-15 calling for, among other actions, a statewide 25 percent reduction in urban water use (compared to 2013) through February 28, 2016; and

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2015, the State Board issued its proposed list of conservation tiers for all urban water suppliers in California that ranges from Tier 1 (4%) to Tier 9 (36%) and has assigned Soquel Creek Water District to a Tier 2 goal of 8% reduction in cumulative water production over the periods of June 2013-February 2014 and June 2015-February 2016; and

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2015, the Board adopted Resolution 15-05 (superseding Resolution 14-21) declaring an ongoing Stage 3 Water Shortage Stage with a curtailment target of 25%; and

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2016, the Board declared an ongoing Stage 3 Water Shortage Stage with a curtailment target of 25% in accordance with Resolution 15-05; and

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2016, Governor Brown issued executive order B-37-16 making conservation a way of life in California by prohibiting wasteful practices and provided water suppliers with an alternative option (i.e. the 3-year "Stress Test") to meeting the mandated conservation tiers issued in April 2015. The District chose to retain the 8% mandated conservation tier, as opposed to completing the time-intensive Stress Test; and

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2017, the State Water Resources Control Board extended its existing conservation regulations requiring conservation mandates for water suppliers that do not have enough water reserves to withstand three dry years; and

WHEREAS California Water Code sections 350 et seq. authorize water suppliers to declare a water shortage emergency and to adopt such regulations and restrictions to conserve the water supply for the greatest public benefit with particular regard for domestic use, sanitation, and fire protection.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Soquel Creek Water District that the District hereby declares that there is a Stage 3 Water Supply Shortage and implements the following actions and measures to manage the water supply shortage:

1. Continue to enforce the District's Water Waste Ordinance 14-01.
2. Enact Stage 3 water rates
3. Enact and enforce demand reduction actions and measures for the Stage 3 Water Supply Shortage as outlined in District's Water Shortage Contingency Plan, or with noted changes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Directors that the General Manager or his/her designee of the Soquel Creek Water District is directed to determine additional appropriate actions and measures from the District's Water Shortage Contingency Plan that may be necessary to address the water supply shortage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the water shortage stage and associated curtailment actions shall remain in effect through at least March 31, 2018 and until rescinded by the Board of Directors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the SOQUEL CREEK WATER DISTRICT this 4th day of April 2017, by the following vote:

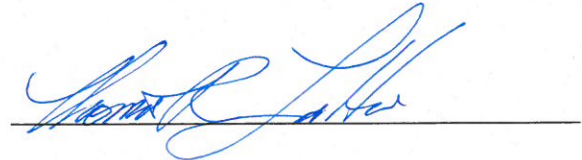
AYES: Directors LaHue, Jaffe, Christensen, Lather

NOES: None

ABSENT: Director Daniels

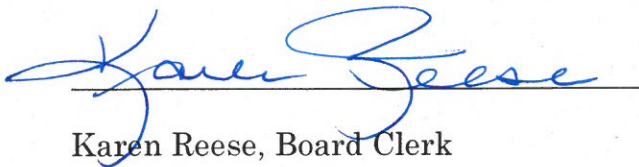
ABSTAIN: None

APPROVE:



Dr. Thomas R. LaHue, President

ATTEST:



Karen Reese, Board Clerk