

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-05**

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

**WHEREAS**, Santa Cruz County is experiencing the fourth consecutive year of below normal precipitation, with 2013 the driest year on record for California and 2014 was fourth driest year on record for California; and

**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 January 17, 2014, Governor Brown declared a State of Emergency to exist in California due to prolonged drought conditions and called, among other things, for all urban water suppliers to implement their water shortage contingency plans; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 28, 2014, the Board of Directors adopted Resolution 14-03 recognizing the State of California's drought declaration and adopting voluntary 20% curtailment; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 17, 2014, the Board of Directors adopted Resolution 14-21 declaring a Stage 3 Water Shortage Emergency and required additional measures, above and beyond voluntary actions, for water use reduction, which this Resolution 15-05 will supersede; 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 March 17, 2015, the State of California adopted expanded emergency regulations for statewide urban water conservation; 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.

**WHEREAS**, an assessment of the water conditions related to rainfall and groundwater recharge for Water Year 2015 indicates that the triggers as outlined in the District's 2010 Urban Water Management Plan have been met to declare a Stage 4 Water Shortage Emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, as assessment of the long term (i.e. past 26 years) groundwater recharge rates indicates a 17% reduction in the annual rate of recharge; and

**WHEREAS** California Water Code sections 350 et seq. authorize water suppliers, after holding a properly noticed public hearing, 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 Shortage Emergency and implements the following actions and measures to manage the water shortage emergency:

1. Continue to enforce the District's Water Waste Ordinance 14-01.
2. Enact Stage 3 Emergency Water Rates (effective June 1, 2015).
3. Enact and enforce demand reduction actions and measures for the Stage 3 Emergency Water Shortage as outlined in District's Water Shortage Contingency Plan, or with noted changes.
4. Unless necessary for special circumstances, continue to reduce discretionary water use by District operations, such as (a) suspend or minimize flushing of water mains, (b) stop irrigation at District facilities with potable water, and (c) stop washing District trucks and vehicles with potable water.
5. Increase education and outreach efforts to the community to publicize and promote water shortage emergency response actions pertaining to this declaration.

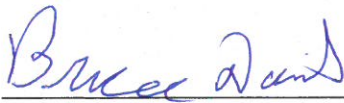
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors that the General Manager or her designee of the Soquel Creek Water District is directed to determine additional appropriate actions and measures from the District's Water Shortage Contingency Plan that may be necessary to address the water shortage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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the water shortage emergency and associated curtailment actions shall remain in effect through at least February 28, 2016 (the expiration of Governor Brown's Executive Order B-29-15) and until rescinded by the Board of Directors.

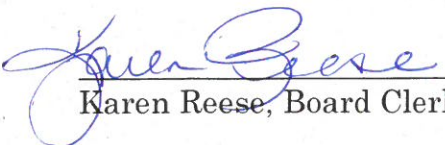
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Directors of the SOQUEL CREEK WATER DISTRICT this 21<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: Directors LaHue, Jaffe, Meyer  
NOES: Directors Daniels and Christensen  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

APPROVE:

  
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Bruce Daniels, President

ATTEST:

  
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Karen Reese, Board Clerk