

RESOLUTION NO. 21-11-909

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THREE VALLEYS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT TO EXTEND REGIONAL WATER SUPPLIES FOR THREE VALLEYS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES

WHEREAS, The Three Valleys Municipal Water District service area depends on imported water from Northern California and the Colorado River to meet approximately 55 to 60 percent of its supply demand; with the balance of the demand being met by local groundwater basins via the Main San Gabriel Basin, Six Basins, Spadra Basin and Chino Basin and through local water recycling and water use efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the state of California is experiencing record-breaking temperatures and extremely dry soils further depleting the expected runoff water from the Sierra-Cascade snowpack, and resulting in a historic and unanticipated reductions in imported water supplies; and

WHEREAS, in 2021 the Department of Water Resources provided notice to State Water Contractors of a 5% Table A Allocation for State Water Project deliveries, tied for the lowest allocation on record; and

WHEREAS, a zero percent initial SWP Allocation is expected for calendar year 2022, and current projections indicate that under a best-case scenario the final allocation will likely be only 20 percent.

WHEREAS, now in its second consecutive year of a drought, the State of California's annual precipitation levels are inadequate to fill the state's key reservoirs; and

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2021, the U.S. Drought Monitor listed 87% of California in Extreme Drought and 46% of the state in exceptional drought; and

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2021 the National Weather Service's most recent *Three-Month Outlook* for California forecasts above normal temperatures and below normal precipitation throughout the entire Southwest; and

WHEREAS, effective July 8, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom issued an Executive Order (N-10-21) calling for a 15% voluntary reduction in water use from 2020 levels; and

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom issued a proclamation declaring a State Of Emergency in all California counties due to drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, the proclamation also called on local and regional water agencies to implement their Water Shortage Contingency Plans (WSCPs) to achieve needed conservation and at a level appropriate for local conditions taking into account the possibility of a third consecutive dry year; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado River Basin drought has stretched into a 21st year, continuing to negatively impact storage levels on the river's two main reservoirs; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation has found that from 2008 to 2018 was the driest period for the Colorado River Basin in more than 100 years of record keeping; and

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) has indicated that its water storage reserves, committed to meeting regional drought demands, remain relatively healthy at nearly 2.5 million acre-feet; and

WHEREAS, on November 9, 2021, Metropolitan recognized the Governor's state-wide drought emergency proclamation and declared that emergency conditions exist within the Metropolitan service area and directing all cities, counties, member agencies and retails water agencies to implement extraordinary water use efficiency measures, adopt and implement local drought ordinances to preserve regional storage reserves; and

WHEREAS, Metropolitan's State Water Project Supplies have been and are being curtailed; and

WHEREAS, over the past 27 years, southern California rate payers have invested tens of billions in regional storage, infrastructure improvements, local resources and water use efficiency programs that are now serving to sustain supplies during this historic dry period; and

WHEREAS, the cities and water agencies serving Three Valleys Municipal Water District population of approximately 530,000 have done an outstanding job working together to develop water-management strategies and implement comprehensive water use efficiency programs to help ensure a reliable supply of high-quality water to meet demand; and

WHEREAS, many cities and water agencies serving Los Angeles County outside of Three Valleys Municipal Water District service area have also invested and continue to invest in infrastructure, research, and technology to develop new sources of water such as water recycling and desalination to meet demands; and

WHEREAS, Three Valleys Municipal Water District and its member agencies are increasing their public messaging to create a heightened awareness of the state's water supply conditions; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous resources and programs to assist us in our service area water use efficiency efforts, including rebates for water saving devices and information on water-saving strategies at www.bewaterwise.com, and www.threevalleys.com,

WHEREAS, increasing and applying efficient water use habits today is the responsible thing to do and will help ensure the Three Valleys Municipal Water District service area has enough water to maintain our quality of life and thriving economy; and

WHEREAS, in 2021 the cities and water agencies serving Los Angeles County adopted Urban Water Management Plans and Water Shortage Contingency Plans to prudently plan for dry conditions and shortages within their respective service areas; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Three Valleys Municipal Water District the regional imported water provider do hereby encourage every water agency, resident and business to take the necessary actions to reduce their water usage, in accordance with Executive Order No. N-10-21 and the Governor's October 21, 2021, Proclamation, through

enhanced water use efficiency measures in an effort to extend stored water supplies and prepare for a prolonged drought; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Three Valleys Municipal Water District activate Level 2 of its Water Shortage Contingency Plan consistent with the Governor’s call to achieve needed conservation at a level appropriate for local conditions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Three Valleys Municipal Water District will coordinate with Metropolitan and its member agencies to develop a common regional message and accelerate its outreach efforts in order to communicate the need for additional water use efficiency efforts to Los Angeles County public officials, residents and businesses; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Three Valleys Municipal Water District encourages all local water agencies, cities, and the County of Los Angeles to join in this call for enhancing water use efficiency efforts through the adoption of appropriate resolutions or ordinances in their jurisdictions.


ADOPTED and **PASSED** at a meeting of the Three Valleys Municipal Water District’s Board of Directors held via teleconference, on this 17th day of November 2021 by the following vote:

AYES: BOWCOCK, DE JESUS, GOYTIA, KUHN, ROBERTO, SOTO, TI

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:



Bob G. Kuhn, President

ATTEST:


Carlos Goytia, Secretary

SEAL:

