

RESOLUTION NO. 2015- 01

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**ADOPTING THE RESTRICTIONS ON OUTDOOR IRRIGATION
PURSUANT TO THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD'S
EMERGENCY REGULATION FOR STATEWIDE URBAN WATER CONSERVATION**

PURISSIMA HILLS WATER DISTRICT

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2014, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. issued an executive order to strengthen the state's ability to manage water and habitat effectively in drought conditions and called on all Californians to redouble their efforts to conserve water; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's executive order refers to the Governor's Proclamation No. 1-17-2014, issued on January 17, 2014, declaring a State of Emergency to exist in California due to severe drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, the State Water Resources Control Board ("SWRCB") issued Resolution 2014-0038, making the following findings about the current drought in California:

- There is no guarantee that winter precipitation will alleviate the drought conditions that the executive orders address, which will lead to even more severe impacts across the state if the drought wears on; and
- Over 400,000 acres of farmland are expected to be fallowed, thousands of people may be out of work and communities risk running out of drinking water, and fish and wildlife will suffer; and
- Water conservation is the easiest, most efficient and most cost effective way to quickly reduce water demand and extend supplies into the next year; and
- Enforcement against water waste is a key tool in conservation programs; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 2014-0038, the SWRCB also adopted emergency water conservation regulations which require both urban water suppliers and other distributors of a public water supply to implement various mandatory actions to conserve water; and

WHEREAS, the emergency water conservation regulations applicable to distributors of a public water supply that are not urban water suppliers are applicable to the Purissima Hills Water District ("District"); and

WHEREAS, the SWRCB's emergency water conservation regulations were set to expire on April 25, 2015, but were readopted by the SWRCB on March 17, 2015, and are now in effect until December 22, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the District has previously taken significant measures to conserve water, including the adoption of Ordinance 2003-1 prohibiting wasteful water use, the adoption of Ordinance 2014-1 amending and restating the prohibitions against wasteful water use, and the adoption of Resolution 2014-7 adopting restrictions on outdoor irrigation pursuant to emergency regulations issued by the SWRCB on July 15, 2014; and

WHEREAS, in order to implement the requirements of the SWRCB's readopted emergency water conservation regulations, staff and legal counsel recommend that the Board adopt restrictions on outdoor irrigation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Purissima Hills Water District that District customers restrict their outdoor irrigation or ornamental landscapes or turf with potable water to no more than two days per week; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that District customers refrain from the application of potable water to outdoor landscapes during and within 48 hours after measurable rainfall; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT these restrictions on outdoor irrigation shall take effect immediately, and will remain in effect until the SWRCB emergency drought regulations expire, which is currently set to occur on December 22, 2015, unless the date is extended.

REGULARLY passed and adopted this 8th day of April 2015 by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Solomon, Jordan, Anderson, and Evans

NOES:

ABSENT: Director Holtz


Ernest Solomon,
President of the Board of Directors,
Purissima Hills Water District

ATTEST:


Secretary of the Board