

CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW
RESOLUTION NO.
SERIES 2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW
DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A STAGE 1 WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCY
CONDITION AND DIRECTING IMPLEMENTATION OF STAGE 1 WATER DEMAND
REDUCTION MEASURES

WHEREAS, in California, water is a precious and limited resource that must be used wisely; and

WHEREAS, water years 2020 and 2021 were the second-driest consecutive two-year period on record; and

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2021, the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) declared a water shortage emergency, requesting that retail water suppliers reduce water use by 15% compared to 2019 levels and customers limit irrigation to three days per week; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2021, the County of Santa Clara Director of Emergency Services issued a proclamation of local emergency due to extreme drought; and

WHEREAS, on June 22, 2021, the County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors ratified the Director of Emergency Services' proclamation of a local emergency due to extreme drought; and

WHEREAS, on July 8, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a drought state of emergency in the County of Santa Clara and requested that all Californians voluntarily conserve water use by 15%, compared to 2020 levels; and

WHEREAS, on November 23, 2021, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) will consider declaration of a water shortage emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mountain View receives approximately 84% of its total water supply from the SFPUC, 10% from Valley Water, 4% from the Regional Water Quality Control Plant in Palo Alto, and 2% from local groundwater wells; and

WHEREAS, the long-term health, safety, and prosperity of the community depends upon having a reliable supply of potable water; and

WHEREAS, water conservation is the easiest, most efficient, and most cost-effective way to quickly reduce water demand and preserve supplies for next year, and;

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Water Code Section 350, *et seq.*, the City duly published a notice of public hearing on the proposed Stage 1 declaration; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on November 9, 2021, at which time public comment was heard and considered; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Water Code Section 350, *et seq.*, and Section 375, *et seq.*, and Chapter 35, Article II, Division 3, of the City Code, the City Council is authorized to prohibit nonessential use of potable water upon declaration of a water shortage emergency condition;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Mountain View hereby finds, determines, and declares that the ordinary demands and requirements of water consumers cannot be satisfied without depleting the water supply of the City of Mountain View to the extent that continued water supply cannot be assured, a Stage 1 water shortage emergency condition exists, and directs the City Manager to implement water demand reduction measures consistent with a Stage 1 water shortage to conserve water.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City staff is directed to increase public education and outreach efforts to increase public awareness of the prohibited nonessential water uses as set forth in City Code Section 35.28.3(b).

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