

CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW
RESOLUTION NO.
SERIES 2014

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A STAGE 2 WATER SHORTAGE
EMERGENCY CONDITION AND DIRECTING IMPLEMENTATION OF
STAGE 2 WATER DEMAND REDUCTION MEASURES

WHEREAS, in California, water is a precious and limited resource that must be used wisely, and California has experienced three consecutive years of drought; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mountain View receives approximately 87 percent of its potable water supply from the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, approximately 9 percent from the Santa Clara Valley Water District, and 4 percent from City groundwater wells; and

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2014, Governor Brown proclaimed a drought state of emergency, calling on local urban water suppliers and municipalities to implement their local water shortage contingency plans immediately and calling on all Californians to reduce their water usage by 20 percent; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2014, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission requested that its customers voluntarily curtail water use by at least 10 percent; and

WHEREAS, on February 25, 2014, the Santa Clara Valley Water District called for mandatory measures to reach a water use reduction target equal to 20 percent of 2013 water use, through December 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2014, Governor Brown 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, on July 15, 2014, the California Water Resources Control Board adopted a resolution that imposed new State-wide water conservation regulations, required water suppliers to implement the stage of their water shortage contingency plan that imposes mandatory restrictions on outdoor irrigation with potable water, and requested water suppliers expand conservation education and increase local supplies; 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, outdoor water use is generally discretionary, and many irrigated landscapes would not suffer greatly from receiving a decreased amount of water; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Water Code Section 350 *et seq.*, the City duly published a Notice of Public Hearing on the proposed Stage 2 declaration; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on September 16, 2014, 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, City Council is authorized to prohibit nonessential use of 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 a Stage 2 water shortage emergency condition exists and directs the City Manager to implement water demand reduction measures consistent with a Stage 2 water shortage and the goal of reducing water use by up to 25 percent from 2013 levels, system-wide.

GAH/3/RESO
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