

CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW  
RESOLUTION NO.  
SERIES 2023

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW  
FINDING THAT A STAGE 2 WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCY NO LONGER EXISTS,  
RESCINDING THE JUNE 2022 STAGE 2 WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCY CONDITION,  
AND REINSTATING NORMAL WATER SUPPLY CONDITIONS

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

WHEREAS, California has experienced a severe multi-year drought; and

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2021, Valley Water declared a water shortage emergency, requesting that retail water suppliers reduce water use by 15% compared to 2019 levels and 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 9, 2021, the City of Mountain View declared a Stage 1 water shortage emergency condition; and

WHEREAS, on November 23, 2021, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission declared a Level 1 water shortage emergency condition and implemented a 10% systemwide voluntary conservation request; and

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2022, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-7-22 directing the State Water Resources Control Board to consider adopting an emergency regulation that bans the irrigation of nonfunctional turf at commercial, industrial, and institutional sites and requires urban water suppliers to implement demand reduction measures from Level 2 of their Water Shortage Contingency Plan; and

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2022, Valley Water voted to limit the irrigation of lawns and ornamental landscapes to two days per week; and

WHEREAS, on May 24, 2022, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted regulations banning the use of potable water for irrigating nonfunctional turf at commercial, industrial, and institutional sites and requiring urban water suppliers to implement the demand reduction measures from Level 2 of their Water Shortage Contingency Plan; and

WHEREAS, on May 24, 2022, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission declared a Level 2 water shortage emergency condition and implemented an 11% systemwide voluntary conservation request; and

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2022, the City of Mountain View declared a Stage 2 water shortage emergency condition; and

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2023, the Governor issued Executive Order N-3-23, which continued the Statewide drought emergency and regulations in effect but also directed State agencies to provide recommendations on whether any existing provisions in the Governor's drought proclamations and executive orders are no longer needed to mitigate drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2023, the Governor issued Executive Order N-5-23 which, among other actions, terminated the portion of Executive Order N-7-22 that prompted the State Water Resources Control Board to require urban water suppliers to implement Level 2 of their water shortage contingency plans; and

WHEREAS, based on systemwide hydrologic conditions and water storage in the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's (SFPUC) reservoirs, SFPUC rescinded the local Water Shortage Emergency on April 11, 2023; and

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2023, in response to significantly increased imported water allocations, local reservoir levels, and projected end-of-year groundwater storage, Valley Water's Board of Directors voted to rescind the Water Shortage Emergency Condition, maintaining in effect a call for 15% voluntary conservation and restrictions on using potable water to irrigate nonfunctional turf; 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 finds and determines that the ordinary demands and requirements of water consumers can be satisfied without depleting the water supply of the distributor to the extent that there would be insufficient water for human consumption, sanitation, and fire protection, and that normal supply conditions consistent with the City's water conservation program may be reinstated; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: that the City Council of the City of Mountain View hereby finds and determines that a water shortage emergency condition is no longer necessary in light of the above and declares that a Stage 2 water shortage emergency condition no longer exists; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Stage 2 water shortage emergency condition, previously declared on June 28, 2022, is hereby rescinded and normal water supply conditions are reinstated.

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