

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-23

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RURAL NORTH VACAVILLE WATER DISTRICT RESTRICTING LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION

WHEREAS, the Rural North Vacaville Water District (District) is a community services district organized and operating pursuant to California Government Code section 61000 et seq. to develop and provide a public water distribution system.

WHEREAS, the District's public water distribution system serves properties within its boundaries with potable water for residential use. In addition, the Rural North Vacaville Water District provides water for fire protection by supplying water to a series of fire hydrants serving properties in the area.

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. The executive order finds that the continuous severe drought conditions present urgent challenges across the state including water shortages in communities and for agricultural production, increased wildfires, degraded habitat for fish and wildlife, threat of saltwater contamination, and additional water scarcity if drought conditions continue into 2015. The National Integrated Drought Information System reported that nearly 80% of the state was reported to be under "extreme" drought conditions at the end of June.

WHEREAS, the 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. The January Proclamation notes that the state is experiencing record dry conditions, with 2014 projected to become the driest year on record. Since January, state water officials indicate that reservoirs, rainfall totals and the snowpack remain critically low. This follows two other dry or below average years, leaving reservoir storage at alarmingly low levels. The January Proclamation highlights the State's dry conditions, lack of precipitation and the resulting effects on drinking water supplies, the cultivation of crops, and the survival of animals and plants that rely on California's rivers and streams. The January Proclamation also calls on all Californians to reduce their water usage by 20 percent.

WHEREAS, Water Code section 1058.5 grants the State Water Board the authority to adopt emergency regulations in certain drought years in order to: "prevent the waste, unreasonable use, unreasonable method of use, or unreasonable method of diversion, of water, to promote water recycling or water conservation, to require curtailment of diversions when water is not available under the diverter's priority of right, or in furtherance of any of the foregoing, to require reporting of diversion or use or the preparation of monitoring reports".

WHEREAS, water conservation is the easiest, most efficient and most cost effective way to quickly reduce water demand and extend supplies into the next year, providing flexibility for all California communities.

WHEREAS, at a meeting on July 15, 2014, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) adopted Resolution No. 2014-0038 adopting California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 863, 864, and 865, as an emergency regulation for statewide urban water conservation.

WHEREAS, the regulations will remain in effect for 270 days after filing with the Secretary of State unless the State Water Board determines that it is no longer necessary due to changed conditions, or unless the State Water Board renews the regulations due to continued drought conditions as described in Water Code section 1058.5.

WHEREAS, California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 865, subsection (e) states:

To promote water conservation, each distributor of a public water supply, as defined in Water Code section 350, that is not an urban water supplier shall, within thirty (30) days, take one or more of the following actions:

- (1) Limit outdoor irrigation of ornamental landscapes or turf with potable water by the persons it serves to no more than two days per week; or
- (2) Implement another mandatory conservation measure or measures intended to achieve a comparable reduction in water consumption by the persons it serves relative to the amount consumed in 2013.

WHEREAS, the District is not an urban water supplier as defined by California Water Code section 10617 in that it does not either supply water either directly or indirectly to more than 3,000 customers or supply more than 3,000 acre-feet of water annually.

RESOLVED, to promote water conservation, the Rural North Vacaville Water District limits outdoor irrigation of ornamental landscapes or turf with potable water by District customers to no more than two days per week.

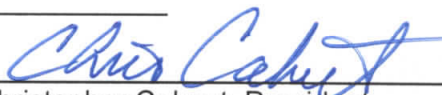
RESOLVED, this Resolution shall be effective immediately after its adoption by the Board and shall remain effective as long as subsection (e) of California Water Code section 865 remains effective.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Directors for the Rural North Vacaville Water District at its regular meeting on August 12, 2014, by the following vote:

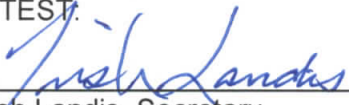
AYES: Directors Christopher Calvert, Doug Thomson, Reed McLaughlin
Bob Whitehouse and Trish Landis

NOES: Directors None

EXCUSED: Directors None



Christopher Calvert, President
Board of Directors
Rural North Vacaville Water District

ATTEST:


Trish Landis, Secretary
Board of Directors, Rural North Vacaville Water District