

## RESOLUTION No. 2008-003

### RESOLUTION OF THE RURAL NORTH VACAVILLE WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS ESTABLISHING AN INTERIM POLICY ADDRESSING EXCESSIVE WATER USE

**WHEREAS**, the Rural North Vacaville Water District's water distribution system was designed to provide safe and reliable domestic water service to 533 service connections, with adequate storage reserves to provide water for fire suppression use on parcels within and immediately adjacent to the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the District is currently providing water to 215 active service connections, and has an additional 82 inactive but developed service connections that could begin taking water service at any time; and

**WHEREAS**, in June 2007, the District was providing water service to 190 active service connections; and

**WHEREAS**, during the summer of 2007, there were several occasions when peak demands placed on the water system greatly exceeded available supply within the system, with the result that the District did not have sufficient storage reserves to provide water for fire suppression use and was in danger of not having sufficient water to supply all of its active service connections; and

**WHEREAS**, during the summer of 2007, water use by the District's top water users greatly exceeded average water use, and the demands placed on the water system by these top water users threatened the integrity and reliability of the system for all users, as well as those who rely on the system for fire suppression purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors is in the process of revising and updating the District's Rules and Regulations as well as its Operational Rules, combining both sets of rules into a single document that meets the current needs of the District and its customers; and

**WHEREAS**, the updated rules will include provisions for defining and regulating excessive water use; and

**WHEREAS**, the updated rules are being prepared by the District's legal counsel and a draft document is not yet available for public review and formal consideration by the Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board will not approve updated rules until a draft of the updated rules has been made available for public review for a minimum of 10 days, including

availability through the District's information page at the Solano County Department of Resource Management's internet site at [www.solanocounty.com](http://www.solanocounty.com); and

**WHEREAS**, until the updated rules can be adopted, it is necessary for the Board to adopt an interim policy defining excessive water use and describing how the District will respond to limit or eliminate excessive water use by individual water customers; and

**WHEREAS**, in establishing an interim policy for excessive water use for the District's domestic water system, the Board is aware that Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, section 660, defines "domestic use" as the use of water for household purposes, including incidental watering of domestic stock and pets and the irrigation of not more than one-half acre in lawn, ornamental shrubbery, or gardens on any single parcel.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED** by the District Board of Directors of the Rural North Vacaville Water District, that the following interim policy is adopted:

#### **INTERIM POLICY ADDRESSING EXCESSIVE WATER USE**

"Excessive water use" is defined as the use of more than **100 CCF** per month per an individual service connection, or an equivalent pro rated amount when measured over a period of not less than three days (72 hours).

The District shall maintain a list of all rate payers who have been identified as excessive water users. Such list shall include names, addresses, and amounts of water consumed over the latest 24-month period.

After providing 72-hours prior notice to a customer whose meter demonstrates excessive water use, and after the customer has an opportunity to be heard, the Board of Directors may direct that a flow-restrictor, capable of providing not less than 25 CCF per month, be installed at the customer's service connection with the cost of such installation being paid by the customer.

If a flow-restrictor is installed at a service connection because of excessive water use, any tampering or damage to the flow-restrictor shall be sufficient reason for the District to discontinue water service to that customer. The District will provide the customer with 72-hours prior notice and an opportunity to be heard before ordering that service be discontinued, unless there is an immediate threat to the safety, integrity, or reliability of the District's water system, in which case water service to the customer may be discontinued immediately.

The District shall institute notification to excessive water users any time the system is operating at 75% or above of its capacity.

A flow restrictor placed in a water user's line shall remain in the line for a minimum of 60 days and then may be removed after the water user has paid all current water charges, including the installation and removal costs for the flow restrictor.

Should a flow restrictor be placed in a water user's line:

A second time, it must remain for 180 days.

A third time, it must remain for 1 year.

A fourth time, it must remain permanently.

Any time a flow restrictor is installed the water user is to be notified that his water supply, with the flow restrictor installed, may not be adequate for a fire suppression system and the user may need to make arrangements to store adequate water and/or pumps necessary to maintain his fire suppression system.

The adoption of this Interim Policy shall be in addition to, and does not replace, any other legal remedies that the District may pursue in order to address excessive and wasteful water use.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that this interim policy is effective immediately. The District's General Manager shall promptly mail a copy of this interim policy to all rate payers with active water service connections.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Rural North Vacaville Water District on July 8, 2008, by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Whitehouse, Joyce, Landis, Mortensen, Teschke

NOES: Directors None

EXCUSED: Directors None



Robert Whitehouse, President  
Board of Directors  
Rural North Vacaville Water District

ATTEST:

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Birgitta Corsello, General Manager  
Rural North Vacaville Water District