

Resolution of The Board of Supervisors of Ventura County

PROCLAIMS OCTOBER 2019 AS "IMAGINE A DAY WITHOUT WATER MONTH"

WHEREAS, THE WATER AND SANITATION DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES THE "IMAGINE A DAY WITHOUT WATER" CAMPAIGN AS AN ORGANIZED EFFORT TO HIGHLIGHT THE CRITICAL IMPORTANCE OF RELIABLE ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER IN OUR LIVES AND THE INVESTMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE THAT IS NECESSARY TO PROTECT THIS VALUABLE RESOURCE; AND

Whereas, the infrastructure that brings water to and from home, agricultural fields, and businesses is essential to the quality of life and economic vitality of the Ventura County Waterworks District Nos. 1 (Moorpark), 17 (Bell Canyon), 19 (Somis), and 38 (Lake Sherwood); and

WHEREAS, UTILITIES NATIONWIDE ARE GRAPPLING WITH AGING INFRASTRUCTURE AND LACK RELIABLE REVENUE AND FUNDING TO MAINTAIN SYSTEMS LET ALONE UPGRADE THEIR SYSTEMS; AND

WHEREAS, THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FACES A RANGE OF EXISTING WATER CHALLENGES, INCLUDING UNSAFE DRINKING WATER, MAJOR FLOOD RISKS THAT THREATEN PUBLIC SAFETY, SEVERELY DEPLETED GROUNDWATER AQUIFERS, AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITIES COPING WITH UNCERTAIN WATER SUPPLIES; AND

WHEREAS, IMPLEMENTATION OF LONG-TERM MEASURES TO COMBAT DROUGHT AND PRESERVE OUR WATER RESOURCES REMAINS A PRIORITY; AND WHEREAS, THE COUNTY OF VENTURA JOINS WITH VENTURA COUNTY WATERWORKS 'DISTRICT Nos. 1, 17, 19, and 38, to increase the awareness of water conservation and to make conservation a way of life; and

WHEREAS, RECOGNIZING THAT WATER IS ESSENTIAL TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS AND ACKNOWLEDGES THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE VALUE OF WATER THROUGH THE "IMAGINE A DAY WITHOUT WATER" CAMPAIGN.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Board of Supervisors of Ventura County does hereby Proclaim October 2019 as "Imagine a Day Without Water" and urges all County residents, as well as all local water agencies, to join in the effort to use water wisely.

Presented on this 22ND day of October 2019

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