

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF
VENTURA COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 16
AMENDING THE DISTRICT'S RULES AND REGULATIONS TO INCORPORATE
WATER CONSERVATION AND SUPPLY SHORTAGE PROGRAM AND MAKE
OTHER ADDITIONS, DELETIONS AND MODIFICATIONS THERETO**

WHEREAS, a reliable minimum supply of potable water is essential to the public health, safety, and welfare of the people and economy of the Southern California region; and

WHEREAS, Southern California is a semi-arid region and is largely dependent upon imported water supplies; and

WHEREAS, a growing population, climate change, environmental concerns, and other factors in other parts of the State and western United States have made the region highly susceptible to water supply reliability issues; and

WHEREAS, careful water management that includes active water conservation measures not only in time of drought, but at all times, is essential to ensure a reliable minimum supply of water to meet current and future water supply needs; and

WHEREAS, Article X, Section 2 of the California Constitution declares that the general welfare requires that water resources be put to beneficial use, waste or unreasonable use or unreasonable method of use of water be prevented, and conservation of water be fully exercised with a view to the reasonable and beneficial use thereof; and

WHEREAS, California Water Code Section 375 authorizes water suppliers to adopt and enforce a comprehensive water conservation program to reduce water consumption and conserve supplies; and

WHEREAS, the water conservation and supply shortage program is necessary to manage the Ventura County Waterworks District No. 16 (District) potable water supply in the short and long term, to avoid or minimize the effects of drought and shortage within the District, and to ensure a reliable and sustainable minimum supply of water for the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the District held a public hearing to hear all oral and written presentations concerning the water conservation and supply shortage program and the amendment of the District's Rules and Regulations to incorporate such a program and make other additions, deletions and modifications thereto, as set forth in Exhibit 1 hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the District has considered all such oral and written presentations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of the District hereby approves and adopts, effective January 1, 2010, the amendments to the District's Rules and Regulations to incorporate the water conservation and supply shortage program and make other additions, deletions and modifications thereto, as set forth in Exhibit 1.

Upon motion of LONG, seconded by ZARAGOZA, the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted on this 15th day of DECEMBER 2009.



Steve Bennett, Chair
Board of Ventura County Waterworks District No. 16

ATTEST:
MARTY ROBINSON
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors,
County of Ventura, State of California

By: 

Deputy Clerk of the Board

