

CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 14-17

**A RESOLUTION TO TEMPORARILY MODIFY THE
CASITAS WATER SHORTAGE CONTIGENCY PLAN
TO COMPLY WITH THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
DROUGHT EMERGENCY REGULATIONS, RESOLUTION 2014-0038**

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2014, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a state of emergency in the State of California due to water supply impacts caused by three consecutive years of drought conditions in the state and called on all Californians to reduce their water usage by 20 percent; and

WHEREAS, the Governor proclaimed a second executive order, issued April 25, 2014, to direct the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt drought emergency regulations, pursuant to Water Code section 1058.5; and

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2014, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted Resolution 2014-0038 drought emergency regulations for mandatory statewide water conservation actions that are to remain in effect for 270 days unless extended or repealed; and

WHEREAS, the State Water Resources Control Board regulations call on urban water suppliers to implement all requirements and actions of the stage of its water shortage contingency plan that imposes mandatory restrictions on outdoor irrigation of ornamental landscapes or turf with potable water.

WHEREAS, the Casitas Municipal Water District adopted a Water Shortage Contingency Plan in 1992, by Resolution No. 92-11, that set water use reduction goals for the various stages of Lake Casitas storage, but does not refer to specific mandatory landscape restrictions as referenced by the State Water Resources Control Board's adopted drought emergency regulations ; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the State Water Resources Control Board adopted Resolution 2014-0038 drought emergency regulations, where there is not a mandatory restriction of urban water demand incorporated in the water supplier's Water Shortage Contingency Plan, the water supplier shall 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 shall 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: and

WHEREAS, Casitas has adopted the Water Waste Prohibition Ordinance that provides for the governance for drought restriction that may be implemented during a publicly declared curtailment period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Casitas Municipal Water District that:

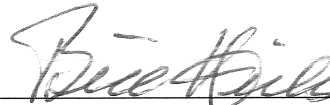
1. The 1992 Water Shortage Contingency Plan (Resolution No. 92-11) is temporarily modified and mandated throughout the duration of the State's drought emergency regulations as follows:
 - A. Urban water customers of the District include the following water customer classifications:
 - a. Residential
 - b. Commercial
 - c. Other
 - d. Interdepartmental
 - B. A mandatory restriction applied to the District's urban water customers' outdoor irrigation of ornamental landscapes or turf with potable water to no more than two days per week.
 - C. The water uses under the following subsections are excluded:
 - a. Landscape irrigation systems that use drip-irrigation and weather-based controllers or stream rotor sprinklers that meet a 70% efficiency standard.
 - b. Watering or irrigating shrubs, trees, or vegetation intended for human consumption is allowed by use of an attended hand-held bucket or similar container, or an attended hand-held hose equipped with a positive shutoff nozzle or device. This exception does not apply to the watering of lawns.
2. A variance may be considered and granted by the General Manager for the following conditions:
 - a. Sports Fields, defined as a public or private facility improved with apparatus and/or striping supporting a public benefit use or business necessity that provides turf areas as playing surface for regularly scheduled (at least weekly) individual and team sports, and does not include a facility on a residential property.
 - b. Large Landscape Areas are defined as an area of vegetation at least three (3) acres in size supporting a business necessity or public benefit use such as parks, golf courses, schools, and cemeteries.
 - c. Urban water customers that maintain Sports Fields and Large Landscape Areas may request in writing a variance from the mandatory two-day per week restriction for outdoor irrigation of ornamental landscape or turf in order to maintain turf areas by submitting to the General Manager a written alternative watering schedule that will result for each preceding

month in an overall water use reduction by 20 percent from the water used each same month during 2013.

- d. The failure of the urban water customer to attain the 20 percent irrigation reduction in any one preceding month from that amount of water use in 2013 during the same month may result in the cancellation of the variance.


- 3. All provisions within this resolution shall be adhered to according to the same restrictions and enforcement measures as outlined within the Water Waste Prohibition Ordinance.

ADOPTED this 13th day of August, 2014.



Bill Hicks, President
Casitas Municipal Water District

ATTEST:



Pete Kaiser, Secretary
Casitas Municipal Water District