

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ALAMEDA COUNTY
WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2014, the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture designated 27 California counties, [*including Alameda, Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Contra Costa, El Dorado, Fresno, Inyo, Kings, Kern, Los Angeles, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Mono, Monterey, Sacramento, San Benito, San Bernardino, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Clara, Santa Barbara, Stanislaus, Tulare, Tuolumne, and Ventura*] as natural disaster areas due to drought which makes farm operators in the designated counties eligible to be considered for certain assistance including emergency loans from the U.S. Farm Service Agency for production losses; and

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2014, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a state of emergency in the California due to record dry conditions that have persisted since 2012; and

WHEREAS, there is worldwide consensus among scientists that climate change will continue to cause disruption of historical weather patterns and that warmer temperatures will further exacerbate drought impacts on our communities and the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors has made strong commitments to take bold climate action to mitigate and plan for the impacts of climate change such as drought; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing drought has resulted in loss of ground water thereby causing extreme economic hardship to residents and agricultural businesses who have incurred high costs as a result of the need to deepen or replace wells in Alameda County; and

WHEREAS, access to safe and affordable clean water is essential for public health and well being; and

WHEREAS, persistent drought conditions have negatively impacted and continue to threaten the safety of persons, property, agriculture and recreation activities, and have compounded already perilous fire conditions threatening cities and communities in Alameda County; and

WHEREAS, on **April 1, 2015** the Governor of the State of California issued Executive Order B-29-15 which among other actions directed the State Water Resources Board to impose various restrictions to achieve a statewide 25% reduction in potable urban water use; and

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Alameda urges all residents and businesses of Alameda County to do their part in conserving and reducing their water usage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Alameda directs all County agencies and employees to reduce their water use, and directs the General Services and the Public Works Agencies to establish water usage baselines for County facilities and services, develop water conservation implementation plans, and to measure and report progress; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Alameda for reasons set forth herein, urges water suppliers in Alameda County to heed the Governor's Drought Executive Order by encouraging their customers to reduce water usage by at least 25%, and implement water shortage contingency plans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that federal and state agencies are requested to provide financial and other assistance to residents, water suppliers, water rights holders, ranchers, farmers, business owners and local governments in Alameda County to help them mitigate the persistent drought conditions.

APPROVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Alameda, State of California this _____, day of _____, two thousand and fifteen, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

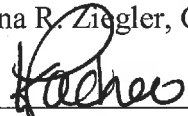
ABSENT:

COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

President
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

By _____
Clerk, Board of Supervisors

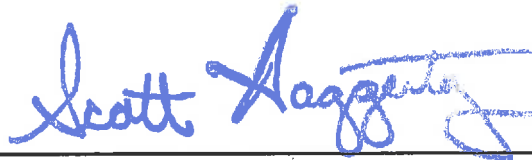
APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Donna R. Ziegler, County Counsel
By 
Kathleen Pacheco, Senior Deputy

THE FOREGOING was **PASSED** and **ADOPTED** by a majority vote of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors this 28th day of July, 2015, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors: Carson, Chan, Miley, Valle & President Haggerty – **5**

NOES: None

EXCUSED: None



PRESIDENT, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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I certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors, Alameda County, State of California

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board
Board of Supervisors

By: 
Deputy