

**Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California**

Resolution No.

Adopt a resolution encouraging voluntary water conservation measures in Monterey County.)
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WHEREAS, on January 17, 2014, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a state of emergency in the State of California due to current drought conditions in the state calling upon all Californians to reduce their water usage by 20%; and

WHEREAS, Monterey County is within the area identified by the U.S. Drought Monitor as an area of exceptional drought and water levels at the County's reservoirs at Lake San Antonio and Lake Nacimiento are currently 75% -95% below normal; and

WHEREAS, precipitation forecasts currently project the drought to persist, at minimum, into late 2014-2015; and

WHEREAS, water conservation is important not only to citizens served by public water systems, but also to those served by private individual wells, and reducing water use conserves the amount of water in storage and reduces the potential for the concentration of contaminants; and

WHEREAS, the County of Monterey has taken steps toward conservation by reducing watering in County parks and facilities, installation of low flow toilets and sinks in 50% of County restrooms, and the creation of a drought website for employees and the public, as well as conservation tips posted throughout County government facilities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey encourages all Monterey County residents and businesses to diligently observe water conservation recommendations in the community in which they reside; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors encourages all residents, businesses and other entities, not under formal water system restrictions or on private wells, to voluntarily conserve water in keeping with the Governor's request to reduce water usage by 20% and implement the water conservation practices found on the webpage titled: "*Drought 2014: Making conservation a Monterey County way of life,*" (www.co.monterey.ca.us/drought).

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 22nd day of April, 2014, by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

I, Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book _____ for the meeting on _____.

Dated: Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California

By _____
, Deputy