

RESOLUTION R2021__

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NAPA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DECLARING A MODERATE WATER SHORTAGE TO IMPLEMENT THE CITY'S WATER SHORTAGE REGULATIONS SET FORTH IN NAPA MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 13.10, IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE A 15% COMMUNITY-WIDE DEMAND REDUCTION AND MAINTAIN WATER SUPPLY RELIABILITY, AND DETERMINING THAT THE ACTIONS AUTHORIZED BY THIS RESOLUTION ARE EXEMPT FROM CEQA PURSUANT TO CEQA GUIDELINES SECTIONS 15307, 15308, AND 15329

WHEREAS, 2021 is characterized as a critically dry year and state and local reservoir storage levels are below normal across the state; and

WHEREAS, Lake Hennessey has received historically low runoff for the past two winters and is at 67% capacity holding 20,812 acre feet (AF) as of April 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, due to a critically dry year leaving the state's major reservoirs and snowpack well below normal, the State Department of Water Resources has allocated 5% of State Water Project (SWP) supplies to all contractors, which results in a substantial decrease in water made available to the City from the SWP; and

WHEREAS, the City expects to use the 5% allocation and carryover supplies from the SWP as well as supplemental Advanced Table A and dry year water purchases, if available; and

WHEREAS, City of Napa water demands in 2020 were 14,100 AF; and

WHEREAS, during the 2015-16 drought City of Napa customers reduced demands to 12,100 AF; and

WHEREAS, based on available water supplies in 2021, conservation to reduce demands by 15% compared to 2020 is necessary which will result in consumption of 12,100 AF, similar to the last critically dry year of 2015-16; and

WHEREAS, the Moderate Water Shortage Regulations contained in Chapter 13.10 of the Napa Municipal Code constitute the appropriate actions necessary to achieve a 15% community-wide demand reduction and maintain water supply reliability; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered all information related to this matter, as presented at the public meeting of the City Council identified herein, including any supporting reports by City Staff, and any information provided during public meetings.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Napa, as follows:

1. The City Council hereby finds that the facts set forth in the recitals to this Resolution are true and correct; and establish the factual basis for the City Council's adoption of this Resolution.

2. The City Council hereby finds that there is a shortage in local and statewide water supplies, and reasonable mandatory restrictions on water use by City water customers will help the City achieve a target of 15% demand reduction, thereby improving the City's water supply reliability into an uncertain 2022.

3. In accordance with Napa Municipal Code ("NMC") Section 13.10.010, the City Council hereby determines and declares that a "moderate water shortage emergency" exists in the City of Napa. This declaration of moderate water shortage emergency shall remain in effect until the City Council finds that the moderate water shortage emergency no longer exists.

4. During the term of this moderate water shortage emergency: (a) each customer shall comply with the water use regulations set forth in NMC Section 13.10.040, and the prohibitions and limitations set forth in NMC Section 13.10.050; and (b) each customer is encouraged to use the water use guidelines set forth in NMC Section 13.10.060.

5. The City Council hereby determines that the actions taken under this resolution are exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15307, 15308, and 15329 which exempt actions taken by the City to assure the maintenance, restoration, or enhancement of a natural resource or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment; and exempt actions taken by the City to prevent or mitigate the impacts of an emergency.

6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Napa at a public meeting of said City Council held on the 4th day of May, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST: _____

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Tiffany Carranza
City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Michael W. Barrett
City Attorney