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RESOLUTION NO. WD-1353

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF WATER
COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH
DECLARING A STAGE 1 WATER SUPPLY SHORTAGE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION NO. WD-1286 AND
RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. WD-1339

WHEREAS, a reliable, minimum supply of quality potable water is essential
to the welfare of the people and economy of the City of Long Beach ("City"); and

WHEREAS, the Long Beach Water Department ("LBWD") has had one of
the most effective water conservation programs in California, as reflected by the fact that
the City used only ninety-eight (98) gallons of water per person per day ("GPCD") in fiscal
year 2015, a forty percent (40%) reduction in GPCD since the 1980's; and

WHEREAS, on July 7, 2011, the City's Board of Water Commissioners
("Board") adopted Resolution No. WD-1286 entitled "A Resolution of the Board of Water
Commissioners of the City of Long Beach Amending and Restating the Water
Conservation and Water Supply Shortage Plan ("Plan"), and Rescinding Resolution No.
WD-1266"; and

WHEREAS, the three key elements of the Plan are (1) the establishment of
a permanent prohibition on certain uses of water, (2) the articulation of four increasingly
serious water supply shortage levels, and (3) actions to be taken by LBWD during these
water supply shortage levels; and

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2014, the Board adopted Resolution No. WD-
1320 declaring an Imminent Water Supply Shortage because the California Department
of Water Resources reduced southern California's State Water Project allocation to zero
percent (0%) on January 31, 2014, and Governor Jerry Brown declared a Drought State
of Emergency on January 27, 2014, and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern

1 California (MWD) declared a formal water supply alert on February 11, 2014, in addition
2 to other reasons; and

3 WHEREAS, on November 20, 2014, the Board adopted Resolution No.
4 WD-1331 declaring a Stage 1 Water Supply Shortage because the worsening water
5 supply condition prompted Governor Jerry Brown, on April 25, 2014, to issue a
6 proclamation of a continued state of emergency under the California Emergency Services
7 Act based on continued drought conditions; and on July 15, 2014, the California State
8 Water Resources Control Board adopted emergency regulations for urban water
9 conservation, and the amount of water stored in key reservoirs were dropping to historic
10 lows; and urban southern California could have experienced historically severe water
11 shortage in early 2015 if key watersheds experienced normal to below-normal
12 precipitation in the winter of 2014-2015, and for additional reasons; and

13 WHEREAS, on May 11, 2015, the Board adopted Resolution No. WD-1339
14 declaring a Stage 2 Water Supply Shortage because the worsening water shortage
15 condition prompted Governor Jerry Brown, on April 1, 2015, to impose a twenty-five
16 percent (25%) mandatory water reduction for urban California, and on April 14, 2015,
17 MWD declared a fifteen percent (15%) water shortage allocation, and on April 18, 2015,
18 the State Water Resources Control Board issued draft water-use reduction targets which
19 became, for Long Beach, a mandatory reduction of sixteen percent (16%) beginning June
20 1, 2015, and for additional reasons; and

21 WHEREAS, the water supply conditions in California improved during the
22 winter of 2015-2016; and

23 WHEREAS, the April 1, 2016, snow pack in the northern Sierra Nevada
24 Mountains watershed, which feeds the State Water Project, was normal for that time of
25 year; and

26 WHEREAS, Lake Oroville, the most important reservoir on the State Water
27 Project, was near capacity and above normal storage for this time of year; and

28 WHEREAS, the Department of Water Resources increased southern

1 California's State Water Project allocation to sixty percent (60%); and

2 WHEREAS, the MWD revoked its water shortage allocation; and

3 WHEREAS, the State Water Resources Control Board, by virtue of its May
4 18, 2016, revisions to its Emergency Regulations, will reduce or eliminate the amount of
5 water conservation it requires of Long Beach; and

6 WHEREAS, water conservation continues to be essential in order to meet
7 the water reliability goals of Long Beach because, among other reasons, ninety-six
8 percent (96%) of California remains in an abnormally dry to an exceptionally drought
9 condition (U.S. Drought Monitor as of May 12, 2016), and Long Beach has averaged only
10 6.5 inches of rain per year for the last five (5) years, which is just fifty percent (50%) of
11 normal for Long Beach, and water storage levels in many California reservoirs are
12 significantly below normal for this time of; and

13 WHEREAS, a declaration of a Stage 1 Water Supply Shortage will help to
14 avoid or lessen the impact of the anticipated water supply shortage by further stressing
15 upon the water customers of the LBWD the need to conserve water and by prohibiting
16 certain uses of water and creating an opportunity for the Board to adjust water rates in
17 accordance with the Plan and with the Resolution Fixing the Rates and Charges for
18 Water and Sewer Service;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Water Commissioners of the City of
20 Long Beach resolves and declares as follows:

21 Section 1. That a Stage 2 Water Supply Shortage no longer exists and
22 therefore Resolution No. WD-1339 shall be rescinded.

23 Section 2. That a Stage 1 Water Supply Shortage exists in accordance
24 with Resolution WD-1286 and that the following prohibitions shall become operative:

25 A. Irrigating landscape with potable water any day other than
26 Tuesday or Saturday beginning on the first day of October through the end
27 of the last day of the following March, except for very short periods of time
28 for the expressed purpose of adjusting or repairing the irrigation system;

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B. Irrigating landscape with potable water any day other than Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday beginning on the first day of April through the end of the last day of the following September, except for very short periods of time for the expressed purpose of adjusting or repairing the irrigation system;

C. Other prohibited uses as determined by the Board, in its sole discretion, after notice to customers.

Section 3. That LBWD staff shall increase enforcement efforts against LBWD customers who violate the prohibited uses of water restrictions under the current Plan.

Section 4. The Secretary of the Board of Water Commissioners shall certify to the passage of this Resolution, cause a notice of same to be published one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the City, and the provisions established by this Resolution shall take effect five (5) days after said publication.

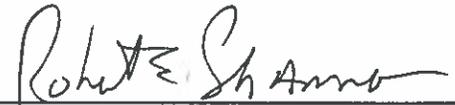
I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Long Beach at its meeting on June 2, 2016, by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners: SHANNON; CORDERO;
SALTZGAVER; MARTINEZ

Noes: Commissioners: NONE

Absent: Commissioners: LEVINE

CERTIFIED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY
SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA


Secretary
BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

By: 
Date: 6/2/2016