

RESOLUTION NO. 17-1013

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOLVANG RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 15-968 (STAGE 2 DROUGHT REGULATIONS) AND RESOLUTION NO. 16-979 (MODIFIED STAGE 2 DROUGHT REGULATIONS)

WHEREAS, in California, drought persisted for five full years from water year 2012 through 2016 including a record State-wide dry year of 2013 and a record low State Water allocation of 5% in 2014; and

WHEREAS, on January 13, 2014 the Solvang City Council declared a Stage 1 Drought Condition, and on January 17, 2014 Governor Brown declared a State-wide Drought Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2014 the Solvang City Council declared a Stage 2 Drought Condition and implemented Stage 2 Drought Restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the heavy storms of winter 2017 have resulted in California's mountain snowpack at 164% of average, Lake Oroville, the State Water Projects principal reservoir, at 101% of average, and the majority of California's other major reservoirs at above normal storage levels; and

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2017 Governor Brown issued Executive Order B-40-17 wherein he terminated the January 17, 2014 Drought State of Emergency, and rescinded most State-wide water use restrictions contained in various related Executive Orders, and rescinded the regulations that required mandatory conservation standards (reductions in usage) while maintaining the provisions of B-37-16, Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life; and

WHEREAS, the State Water allocation for 2017 is 85%, Lake Cachuma is 50% full and the City's new HCA South Well is in service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Solvang that the City of Solvang hereby cancels the Stage 2 Drought Regulations per City Code Section 9-3D-3, and maintains Stage 1 Drought Regulations as adopted in Resolution No. 14-929 with minor modifications in accordance with Executive Order B-37-16, including:

1. Voluntary water conservation by all city customers aimed at a fifteen percent (15%) reduction in water use based on the prior five (5) years average monthly water usage beginning January 1, 2009;
2. Irrigation of turf such as school yards, parks, ball fields, golf courses, green spaces, etc., shall be allowed only between the hours of 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM;
3. All restaurants that provide table service shall post, in a conspicuous place, a notice of drought condition and shall refrain from serving water except upon specific request by a customer;

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4. Operators of hotels, motels, and other commercial establishments offering lodging shall post in each room a notice of drought condition containing water conservation information; and a separate notice with a message similar to the following:

Sheets and towels are customarily changed between guests. If you feel your sheets need to be changed, please leave this card on your pillow each morning. If you feel your towels need to be change, please leave them on the floor of the bath room each morning. Housekeeping will be pleased to accommodate you.

5. Exterior watering of plants, lawns, shrubbery, ground cover, etc., shall be permitted only in a manner which does not cause runoff, and only between the hours of 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM;
6. Vehicles shall be washed only at commercial car washing facilities or by use of a bucket and/or hose equipped with hand-operated valve;
7. The washing of hard surfaces such as driveways and sidewalks shall be prohibited except where necessary to protect the public health and safety;
8. Fountains or other decorative water features shall use only recirculated water; and
9. The loss of water through breaks or leaks in any water user's plumbing must be corrected within twenty four (24) hours of the user's knowledge of that condition;

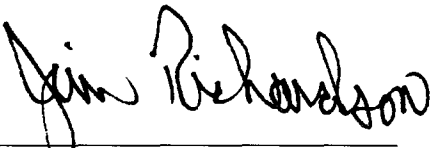
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of April 2017, by the following vote:

AYES: MAYOR RICHARDSON, COUNCIL MEMBERS DUUS, JAMIESON,
AND TOUSSAINT

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBER ZIMMERMAN

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:



Jim Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lisa S. Martin, City Clerk