

**RESOLUTION 01-15**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RIO ALTO WATER DISTRICT  
TO AMEND RESOLUTION 08-14 AND IMPLEMENT MANDATORY EMERGENCY  
WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES.**

**WHEREAS**, emergency drought regulations were approved on July 15, 2014 by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board); and

**WHEREAS**, Rio Alto Water District Board of Directors implemented mandatory emergency water conservation measures effective August 15, 2014 by Resolution 08-14; and

**WHEREAS**, On March 17, 2015, the State Water Board extended and increased the state mandated water conservation measures previously adopted on July 15, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, On April 1, 2015, the Governor signed Executive Order B-29-15 imposing restrictions to achieve a statewide 25% reduction in potable water usage through February 28, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, These restrictions will require water suppliers to California's cities and towns to reduce usage as compared to the amount used in 2013; now


**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Rio Alto Water District Board of Directors amends Resolution 08-14 to extend and increase state mandated water conservation measures as referenced in attached Exhibit A and pursuant to Sections 11346.1 and 11349.6 of the Government Code and Section 1058.5 of the Water Code and Executive Order B-29-15.

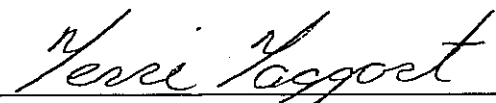
**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Directors authorizes the General Manager to make amendments or refinements to the procedures adopted by this resolution to ensure compliance with conservation practices. Such amendments or refinements shall be reported to the Board for ratifications.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at this regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors held on April 15, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: 5  
NOES: 0  
ABSTAINING: 0  
ABSENT: 0

Signed and approved by me after its passage this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015.

  
Max A. Richman, President, Board of Directors

Attest:   
Terri Taggart, Secretary



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## EXHIBIT A April 2, 2015 IMMEDIATE ATTENTION REQUIRED

### MANDATORY WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES EXTENDED AND INCREASED EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

On March 17, 2015, the State Water Resources Control Board **extended and increased** the state mandated water conservation measures previously adopted on July 15, 2014; and now on April 1, 2015, the Governor has signed Executive Order B-29-15 imposing restrictions to achieve a statewide 25% reduction in potable water usage through February 28, 2016. These restrictions will require water suppliers to California's cities and towns to reduce usage as compared to the amount used in 2013. These restrictions are scheduled to remain in place until such time that the State Water Resources Control Board declares that the drought measures have been lifted. Rio Alto Water District is required to implement the following conservation measures in accordance with Water Code 1058.5 or be subject to daily fines of \$10,000: **(additional measures are printed in bold)**

- (a.) To promote water conservation, each of the following actions is **prohibited** except where necessary to address an immediate health and safety need or to comply with a term or condition in a permit issued by a state or federal agency:
- (1) The application of potable water to outdoor landscapes in a manner that causes runoff such that water flows onto adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, parking lots or structures;
  - (2) The use of a hose that dispenses potable water to wash a motor vehicle, except where the hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle or device attached to it that causes it to cease dispensing water immediately when not in use;
  - (3) The application of potable water to driveways and sidewalks;
  - (4) The use of potable water in a fountain or other decorative water feature, except where the water is part of a recirculating system;
  - (5) **The application of potable water to outdoor landscapes during and within 48 hours after measurable (1/4" or greater) rainfall; (new)**
  - (6) **The serving of drinking water other than upon request in eating or drinking establishments, including but not limited to restaurants, hotels, cafes, cafeterias, bars or other public places where food or drink are served and/or purchased; (new)**
  - (7) **Irrigation with potable water outside newly constructed homes and buildings that is not delivered by drip or microspray systems; (new) and**
  - (8) Outdoor irrigation of ornamental landscapes or turf with potable water by the District's customers not in compliance with limits of time and days as set forth in the attached Exhibit A:

- (b) The taking of any action prohibited in subdivision (a) of this section, in addition to any other applicable civil or criminal penalties, is an infraction, punishable by a fine of up to five hundred dollars (\$500) for each day in which the violation occurs. Violators will be issued a one-time warning with fines progressively increasing with continued violations as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Offense – Warning
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense - \$50 fine
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense - \$100 fine
- 4<sup>th</sup> Offense - \$500 fine

Citations will be mailed to both owners of record and occupants. The District will allow five mailing days for receipt of violation citation. Citations may be contested at the next regular meeting of the Rio Alto Water District Board of Directors held after the citation is issued.

**Additional Water Conservation Measures Implemented:**

- (1) **To promote water conservation, operators of hotels and motels shall provide guests with the option of choosing not to have towels and linens laundered daily. The hotel or motel shall prominently display notice of the option in each guestroom using clear and easily understood language; (new)**
- (2) **The Water Board shall impose restrictions to require that commercial, industrial, and institutional properties, such as campuses, golf courses, and cemeteries, immediately implement water efficiency measures to reduce potable water in an amount consistent with the 25% reduction; (new)**
- (3) **The Water Board shall direct urban water suppliers to develop rate structures and other pricing mechanisms, including but not limited to surcharges, fees, and penalties, to maximize water conservation consistent with statewide water restrictions. (new)**

**Background:** Water Code Section 1058.5 grants the State Water Board the authority to adopt emergency regulations in years when the Governor has issued a proclamation of emergency based upon drought conditions or when in response to drought conditions that exist, or are threatened, in a critically dry year immediately preceded by two or more consecutive below normal, dry or critically dry years. Emergency regulations adopted under Water Code section 1058.5 may remain in effect for up to 270 days. The U.S. Drought Monitor currently classifies the entire state of California as experiencing severe to exceptional drought conditions. Storage in California's reservoirs remains below normal and the state snow pack is currently well below average levels.

Drought conditions have already forced the State Water Resources Control Board to curtail surface water diversions, and many groundwater basins around the state are already in overdraft conditions that will likely worsen due to groundwater pumping this summer. Many water supply systems face a present or threatened risk of inadequate supply.

**Rio Alto Water District's Position:** Drought conditions have resulted in mandatory water usage conservation measures to all water districts throughout California. Although implementation of the above State measures will have a negative impact to water district revenues and staff work load, nevertheless, are necessary and constitute best business practices to insure our future water supplies. We thank you in advance for your continued support.



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