

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA AMENDING RESOLUTION 15-036 TO AMEND THE STAGE THREE DROUGHT EMERGENCY DECLARATION TO INCREASE THE PERCENT REDUCTION FROM NORMAL CITYWIDE WATER USE FROM 25 TO 35 PERCENT

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Barbara, along with the rest of the State of California, has experienced the driest five-year period on record, and such conditions have resulted in the depletion of surface water resources that are the City's primary water supply;

WHEREAS, the City's 2010 Urban Water Management Plan sets forth the City's Water Shortage Contingency Plan;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Water Shortage Contingency Plan, a Stage One Drought Condition was declared by Resolution No. 14-009 on February 11, 2014, a Stage Two Drought Condition was declared by Resolution No. 14-027 on May 20, 2014, and a Stage Three Drought Emergency was declared by Resolution No. 15-036 on May 12, 2015;

WHEREAS, since the 2015 Stage Three Drought declaration, there has been a continuing lack of rainfall sufficient to make a substantial improvement to the water supply situation, which has exacerbated the current drought, thereby making it increasingly desirable and necessary to conserve existing water supplies to protect the public health, safety and welfare if the current drought continues;

WHEREAS, the Water Shortage Contingency Plan provides that, when the City determines that the water supply for the current or impending water year is projected to be more than 10 percent below projected normal demand, a Stage Three Water Shortage Emergency shall be declared, and such conditions now exist;

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara Municipal Code Section 14.20.215 provides for the establishment, by resolution of the City Council, of water use rules and regulations necessary to restrict and regulate the use of water provided by the City's water distribution system during drought, and provides for exemptions to such regulations;

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City Council to minimize inequities resulting from the implementation of water use regulations; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2015 the Governor issued Executive Order B-29-15, calling for

mandatory reductions in potable water use by urban water suppliers and additional water regulations affecting end users, and the State Water Resources Control Board adopted an extended and revised emergency regulation on February 2, 2016 to extend restrictions on urban water use through October 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. There continues to exist within the City of Santa Barbara a Stage Three Drought Emergency, and a 35 percent reduction from normal citywide water use is hereby required, based on the City's projected water supply.

SECTION 2. Except as amended hereby, all other provisions of Resolution 15-036 remain in full force.