RESOLUTION NO. 14-027

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA DECLARING A STAGE TWO DROUGHT CONDITION AND ESTABLISHING WATER USE REGULATIONS TO BE EFFECTIVE DURING A STAGE TWO DROUGHT CONDITION

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Barbara, along with the rest of the State of California, is experiencing one of the driest three-year periods 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;

WHEREAS, since such 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 anticipated to be approximately 10% less than projected normal demand, a Stage Two shall be declared, and such conditions now exist;

WHEREAS, SBMC Section 14.20.215 provides for the establishment, by resolution of the City Council, of water use regulations governing the use of water provided by the City's water distribution system during drought , and provides for exemptions to such regulations; and

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

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

SECTION 1. There does now exist within the City of Santa Barbara a Stage Two Drought Condition.

SECTION 2. For the protection of public health and safety, the following drought water use regulations regarding use of water from the City's water system are hereby established and shall remain in effect for the duration of the Stage Two Drought Condition, unless repealed or modified by resolution of the City Council:

a. Any use of water through a hose or outdoor faucet not otherwise addressed by these regulations is prohibited unless the water is delivered by use of a self-closing valve that requires operator pressure to activate the flow of water.

b. The use of running water from a hose, pipe, or faucet for the purpose of cleaning buildings, pavement, tile, wood, plastic, or other hard surfaces is prohibited.

Exceptions:

i. Such use is allowed as a part of preventive maintenance of buildings and other facilities if accomplished by means of a pressure washer, defined herein to be equipment that boosts incoming water pressure for the purpose of enhancing cleaning capability and minimizing the amount of water used.

ii. Such use is allowed when it is the only feasible means of correcting a potential threat to health and safety, provided it is accomplished by use of a pressure washer, mop, bucket, brush, and/or other tools to limit the use of running water to the minimum necessary.

No such use of water shall be eligible for exception if the required task can feasibly be accomplished by means other than the use of running water. The use of running water for dust control, including as a part of street sweeping operations, is allowed provided the use of water is the minimum necessary to accomplish the intended control of dust.

c. Irrigation of any grass, shrub, plant, tree, groundcover, or other vegetation by use of an automatically controlled irrigation system is allowed only between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. If manually operated, such irrigation is allowed only between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 10:30 a.m. Irrigation by hand-held hose is subject to the self-closing valve provision of Section 2.a.

Exception:

i. Irrigation accomplished by use of a water truck that delivers water by injection probe below mulch or below the soil surface is exempt from such scheduling limitations.

d. Vehicles and boats shall be washed only at commercial car washing facilities equipped with water recycling equipment, or by use of a hose, subject to the self-closing valve provision of Section 2.a. Operators of commercial car washing facilities shall post a notice in a conspicuous place advising the public as to whether their operations conform to

such requirements.

e. The use of water in ornamental water features and fountains is prohibited except that such prohibition shall not apply to ornamental water features and fountains that:

i. Are located indoors or on residential properties; or
ii. Have a total water surface area less than or equal to twenty five square feet; or
iii. As of the adoption date of this resolution, are home to aquatic life, provided that water shall be used and circulated only to the extent needed to maintain suitable living conditions for such aquatic life.

f. Swimming pools and spas shall have a cover that conforms to the size and shape of the pool or spa and acts as an effective barrier to evaporation. The cover shall be in place during periods when use of the pool or spa is not reasonably expected to occur..

g. Draining and refilling up to one third of the volume of a pool per year is allowed as necessary to maintain suitable pool water quality. Draining and refilling in excess of such one third per year is prohibited, except as authorized by the Public Works Director based on evidence from qualified maintenance personnel that such further draining is required to make needed repairs, or to prevent equipment damage or voiding of warranties.

h. All restaurants and other eating establishments that provide table service shall post, in a conspicuous place, a Notice of Drought Condition as approved by the Public Works Director and shall refrain from serving water except upon specific request by a customer.

i. Operators of hotels, motels and other commercial establishments offering lodging shall post in each room a Notice of Drought Condition as approved by the Public Works Director.

j. Operators of pools, exercise facilities, and other similar commercial establishments providing showering facilities shall promote limitation of showering time and post a Notice of Drought Condition as approved by the Public Works Director in a conspicuous place.

SECTION 3. Violation of any regulation in this resolution is subject to the penalties and charges set forth in Santa Barbara Municipal Code Section 14.20.226.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA) ss.
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CITY OF SANTA BARBARA)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Santa Barbara at a meeting held on May 20, 2014, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Dale Francisco, Gregg Hart, Frank Hotchkiss, Cathy Murillo, Randy Rowse, Bendy White; Mayor Helene Schneider

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Santa Barbara on May 21, 2014.

Susan Tschech

Susan Tschech, CMC
Deputy City Clerk

I HEREBY APPROVE the foregoing resolution on May 21, 2014.

Helene Schneider
Mayor