

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY URGING HEIGHTENED WATER CONSERVATION BY CUSTOMERS IN RESPONSE TO DROUGHT

WHEREAS, California is experiencing one of the most severe droughts on record; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 water year has been one of the driest in decades and follows two consecutive dry years throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, even after recent rain and snowfall, the state's major reservoirs remain well below average levels for the date and the statewide snowpack is less than a third of normal, with little time remaining to recover in 2014; and

WHEREAS, many areas of the state will face water shortages this year; and

WHEREAS, the State Water Project has announced an initial allocation of zero for its customers in 2014 while the federal Central Valley Project has announced the lowest-ever allocations for its contractors, creating a real possibility that 25 million Californians and more than a million acres of farmland will receive no water from the projects this year; and

WHEREAS, Governor Brown declared a drought state of emergency on January 17, 2014, and called on all Californians to do their part to reduce their water use; and

WHEREAS, though local water supply conditions vary around the state, California is nevertheless in a statewide drought, and it is critical that all residents do what they can to use water wisely to maximize supplies and protect water reserves in case next year is dry, too; and

WHEREAS, San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency has made significant investments in local programs to improve water supply reliability, including [LIST ALL THAT APPLY] water conservation, water recycling and other strategies to stretch supplies, and will continue to do so; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency recognizes that California is in a statewide drought and there is a critical need for all Californians to use water wisely on an ongoing basis and heighten their conservation efforts now as the state continues to face drought conditions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors thanks its customers for their ongoing water efficiency efforts and asks that they re-double those efforts wherever possible at this time in response to the drought;

I certify that this is a true copy of Resolution No. 2014-03 as passed by the Board of Directors of the San Geronio Pass Water Agency at its meeting on April 21, 2014 in Beaumont, California.

Date: April 21, 2014



Board President



General Manager