

RESOLUTION 20160517

Declaration of Stage 3 Drought conditions

WHEREAS, Ventura County is the midst of the worst drought in recorded history for our area. Governor Jerry Brown has declared that severe drought conditions still exist despite recent rainfall in the northern parts of the State and has extended that drought and shortage declaration (B-37-16) through January 2017; and

WHEREAS, Governor Jerry Brown also mandates that all water agencies develop and implement all aspects of their Drought Contingency Plans to increase long-term water conservation and efficiency throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, Rainfall in our area still remains at record lows, and the anticipation that MOWD's wells will become unusable once again in the fall forcing us to become 100% reliant upon Lake Casitas for the District's water needs; and


WHEREAS, Lake Casitas is at a historic low, currently at 40% capacity and expected to drop to 30% capacity by this time next year. Casitas MWD has declared a Stage 3 drought condition effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Water Code Sections 350, 31020-31035, the Board of Directors of MOWD intends to take necessary steps to reduce water demand and bring it into balance with available supplies;

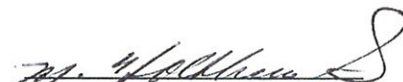
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Meiners Oaks Water District as follows:

- That a Stage 3 Water Shortage Emergency is declared within Meiners Oaks Water District service boundaries effective July 1, 2016 and that reduced supply is due to lack of rainfall and groundwater depletion.
- Installation of new or increased in size connections for new or existing customers, except as previously authorized, shall not be approved by the District.

Adopted this 17 day May 2016

  
James Kentosh, President

Meiners Oaks Water District

  
Secretary,

Meiners Oaks Water District

