



## Meiners Oaks Water District Resolution 20180417-1

### A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Meiners Oaks Water District supporting the connection to the State water Project

WHEREAS, drought is a common occurrence in Southern California with the current drought significantly impacting Lake Casitas, which is currently at less than 36% of capacity; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Meiners Oaks Water District and its staff is to produce and deliver a reliable and sustainable supply of water to meet the needs of the residents and properties and the community within its boundaries, and

WHEREAS, Lake Casitas was designed, in conjunction with local groundwater resources, to sustain the area through a 20 – year drought; and

WHEREAS, there is scientific evidence of a 50-year droughts in California during the last 1,200 years; and

WHEREAS, a connection to the State Water system can provide a supplemental supply of water into the Lake Casitas service area to minimize the number of years of severe Stage 4 and 5 drought restrictions and to provide emergency access to health and safety should Lake Casitas go dry; and

WHEREAS, with water wheeling agreements now an option through Calleguas Metropolitan Municipal Water Districts and the City of San Buenaventura, and with negotiations underway between those agencies to access State Water, now is the best opportunity for Casitas Municipal Water District to connect to State Water at the lowest possible cost; and

WHEREAS; State Water deliveries fluctuate year to year, but Lake Casitas has ample storage, which will enable efficient utilization of State Water; and

WHEREAS; importing State Water to the City of Ventura enables reduced usage by Ventura of Lake Casitas water so that the water supply in Lake Casitas would last longer.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Meiners Oaks Water District finds it essential that we have access to the State Water Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District hereby supports immediate efforts by the Casitas Municipal Water District toward obtaining a connection to the State Water Project and requests that Casitas Municipal Water District work as expeditiously as possible toward that goal.

Passed, Approved and Adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018.



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Michel Etchart  
President of the Board



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Secretary of the Board