



Resolution No. 20160816-1

Adoption of a Drought Contingency Plan

WHEREAS, Ventura County is in the midst of the worst short-term drought in recorded history. Governor Jerry Brown has declared California to be in a drought emergency and requested local water agencies to update and implement their drought contingency plans. Meiners Oaks Water District (MOWD) first declared the existence of the present drought emergency in September of 2012 by Resolution No. 201209-5;

WHEREAS, in the fall of 2015, declining groundwater levels caused all of Meiners Oaks Water District's wells to be taken out of production. MOWD was required to take 100% of its water supply from Casitas Municipal Water District for the second time since its formation in 1949.

WHEREAS, Meiners Oaks Water District has prepared a Drought Contingency Plan and posted it on its website for public review and comment, a well-attended public meeting was held on June 3, 2014, to discuss the plan with MOWD's customers and receive comments. All comments received were considered during the preparation of the final version of the plan;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Water Code Section 350, 31026, the Board of Directors of MOWD intends to take the 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:

1. That a water shortage emergency continues to exist within MOWD due to reduced water supply availability. That reduced supply is caused by lack of rainfall, falling groundwater and lake levels.

2. The District's Drought Contingency Plan, Revision 2.1 is hereby adopted in its entirety. It is expected that the Plan will be updated as conditions change, with future amendments to be approved by the Board of Directors as needed.

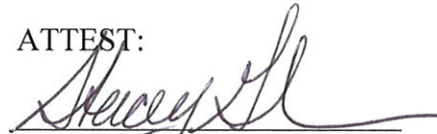
3. Installation of water meters or connections to new customers, except as previously authorized, shall not be approved by the District.

ADOPTED this 16th day of August, 2016



James Kentosh, President
Meiners Oaks Water District

ATTEST:



Stacey Gilbert, Secretary
Meiners Oaks Water District