



Resolution 20230516

RESOLUTION DECLARING A STAGE 1 CONDITION FOR ALL MEINERS OAKS WATER DISTRICT CUSTOMERS

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2016 the Board of Directors of the Meiners Oaks Water District adopted Resolution 20160517 declaring that a Stage 3 water supply condition did exist at Lake Casitas, and

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2016 the Board of Directors adopted Resolution 062116 establishing a temporary drought surcharge of \$1.00/unit applied to water use exceeding each customer's allocation; and

WHEREAS, on August 16, 2016 the Board of Directors adopted Resolution 20160816-1: Drought Contingency Plan; and

WHEREAS, on February 18, 2020 the Board of Directors adopted Resolution 20200218: Allocation Program; and

WHEREAS, on July 19, 2022 the Board of Directors adopted Resolution 20220719-1 increasing the drought surcharge to \$5.00/unit for water use over customer's allocation; and

WHEREAS, as of April 2023, significant rainfall has occurred in the Ventura River Watershed in recent months, and Lake Casitas storage is approximately 70% of its full capacity of 237,975 Acre-Feet, and

WHEREAS, the 2023-2024 Water Supply Assessment produced by Casitas MWD's General Manager predicts that Lake Casitas will remain above 50% of full capacity prior to the end of the 2023-2024 fiscal year and potentially longer, and

WHEREAS, the Casitas Water Efficiency and Allocation Program adopted on May 12, 2021 and revised on March 22, 2023 identifies greater than (50) percent of storage available in Lake Casitas as the possible Stage 1 condition and subject to voluntary water demand reduction measures to preserve the Lake Casitas water supply for drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, while water supply conditions have improved in recent months, next winter's hydrology is uncertain and ongoing customer efforts to use water efficiently and preserve water supplies remain important in the event of future dry conditions; and

WHEREAS, Article X, Section 2 of the California Constitution declares that the general welfare requires that water resources be put to beneficial use, that waste or unreasonable use or

unreasonable method of use of water be prevented and that conservation of water be fully exercised with a view to the reasonable and beneficial use thereof; and

WHEREAS, California Water Code, Section 375, authorizes a water supplier to adopt and enforce a comprehensive water conservation program to reduce water consumption and conserve water supplies; and

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

- 1) Meiners Oaks Water District hereby declares that a Stage 1 Condition exists within the service area of the Meiners Oaks Water District; and
- 2) The Board of Directors hereby directs staff to take the following actions:
 - a) Effective upon adoption of this Resolution:
 - i. Continue the public information campaign within Meiners Oaks Water District that reduced water use within allocated amounts is encouraged during Stage 1 conditions.
 - ii. Continue measures to inform and educate all water users within Meiners Oaks Water District as to methods for reducing water use.
 - iii. Maintain the current level of public outreach in relation to a specific Stage 1 message.
 - b) Effective June 1, 2023, implement the following Stage 1 actions and measures:
 - i. Rescind Resolutions 20160517 and 062116 adopted for Stage 3 measures; and
 - ii. Increase the allocation of every customer by thirty (30) percent to the Stage 1 allocation amount; and
 - iii. Discontinue the drought surcharge for water usage exceeding monthly allocations for residential customers and annual allocations for all other customers; and
- 3) The Stage 1 Condition shall be presumed to continue unchanged unless and until a contrary finding is made by the Board by resolution or ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Directors hereby resolves as follows:

Adopted this 16th day of May, 2023 by a majority vote of the members of the Board, as follows:

AYES: 5
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0



Board Secretary
Summer Ward



Board President
Michel Etchart