



Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 17-0069

Agenda Date: 1/31/2017

Item No.: 2.3.

BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

Resolution Calling for a Water Use Reduction Target Equal to 20 Percent of 2013 Water Use.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the Resolution CALLING FOR A 20 PERCENT WATER USE REDUCTION TARGET AND A RESTRICTION ON OUTDOOR WATERING OF ORNAMENTAL LANDSCAPES OR LAWNS WITH POTABLE WATER TO A MAXIMUM OF THREE DAYS A WEEK; FURTHER, SUPPORTING LOCAL ENFORCEMENT OF THE WATER WASTE PROHIBITIONS CURRENTLY IN EFFECT BY THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD, OR AS MAY BE AMENDED.

SUMMARY:

As a result of ongoing drought conditions, the Board of Directors (Board) approved a resolution (Attachment 1) to call for short term water use reductions of 20 percent on June 14, 2016, which is in effect through January 31, 2017. Staff provided the Board an update on 2016 water supply conditions and 2017 outlook scenarios on January 24, 2017. The Board directed staff to return on January 31, 2017 with a resolution that includes a call for a 20 percent reduction in water use (compared to 2013), a three day per week watering restriction, and that supports local enforcement of the water waste prohibitions that are in effect by the State Water Resources Control Board. Accordingly, a proposed resolution is provided in Attachment 2 (redline/strikeout version) and Attachment 3 (identical but without redline/strikeout).

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no impact to any of the fund reserves. For the Board's information, since February 2014, the drought emergency has incurred costs totaling approximately \$46 million detailed in the table that follows:

District Labor	\$ 6.1 million
District Services and Supplies	\$12.6 million • Includes percolation pond clean-up and mercury removal

Board and CEO approval budget adjustments	\$27.3 million, the breakdown is as follows: • Conservation - \$16.4 million (which includes the \$4.0 million funded by anticipated incremental FY 16 Ad Valorem tax revenue and \$0.9 million from Water Utility operations cost savings as approved by the Board at its October 27, 2015 meeting) • Outreach - \$2.4 million • Imported Water - \$8.5 million for purchased water and reverse flow consultant
Total	\$46.0 million

CEQA:

The recommended action does not constitute a project under CEQA because it does not have a potential for resulting in direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment 1: SCVWD Resolution 16-55
- Attachment 2: Proposed Resolution, with Redlines
- Attachment 3: Resolution

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

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