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NOTICE OF ADOPTION: RESOLUTION NO. 409

Adopted by the Forestville Water District Board of Directors May 11, 2021
FINDING THE EXISTENCE OF A DROUGHT EMERGENCY AND ENACTING OF MANDATORY WATER RESTRICTIONS

WHEREAS, California Water Code section 71642 authorizes the governing body of a Water District to find the existence or threat of a drought emergency or other threatened or existing water shortage, and that finding is prima facie evidence of the fact or matter so found, and such fact or matter shall be presumed to continue unchanged unless and until a contrary finding is made by the board by resolution or ordinance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Water Code section 71640, the District may restrict the use of district water during the drought emergency or other water shortage condition and may prohibit the wastage of district water or the use of district water during such periods for any purpose other than household uses or other restricted uses as the District determines to be necessary; and

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2021, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a state of emergency in the State of California due to drought conditions in Sonoma and Mendocino Counties; and

WHEREAS, experience in the last drought has demonstrated the value of preparing earlier for potential sustained dry conditions, the need to improve our monitoring and forecasting capabilities, and many other lessons that are captured in the Administration's Report to the Legislature on the 2012-2016 Drought; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the previously adopted Ordinance #16 of the Forestville Water District and amended by Ordinance #18 the Board is enacting Phase I-Voluntary Conservation.

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

1. Pursuant to Water Code section 71642, and for the reasons set forth herein, the Board finds the existence of a drought emergency or other water shortage condition; and
2. The Board hereby requires that all conservation measures enacted by Resolution # 381 are hereby rescinded; and
3. The Board requests that the following voluntary conservation measures be taken:
 - A. Consumers make a conscious effort to save water in every step of daily usage.
 - B. Consumers take advantage of numerous suggestions available in information provided by the district.
 - C. Consumers are urged to obtain water saving devices. (Available at no charge from the District office.)
 - D. Consumers Fix and repair all leaks within their water pipe system.
 - E. Washing vehicles by way of bucket or hose equipped with shut off nozzle.
 - F. Reduce time on individual zones on programmable irrigation.
 - G. Refrain from watering landscapes between the hours of 7:00am – 7:00pm.
 - H. Consumers are urged to begin reading their own meters in order to budget or ration water use for each person consuming water as it will become necessary for all consumers to be aware of their daily water usage.
4. The District requests that federal and state agencies provide financial and other assistance to residents, water suppliers, water rights holders, ranchers, farmers, business owners and any local governments who are harmed by the drought emergency in its territorial limits to help them mitigate the effects of the persistent drought conditions.

Passed and adopted this 11th day of May 2021, by the following vote:

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

(Directors: McDermott, Hughes, Aldridge, Akins and Monroe)

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BY: Matthew McDermott
Chair of the Board of Directors

ATTEST:
Dawn Leith, Interim Board Clerk