

RESOLUTION NO. 590

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
SUNNYSLOPE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
DECLARING THE DROUGHT AND WATER SUPPLY EMERGENCY OVER
AND ADOPTING NEW WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES**

The Sunnyslope County Water District Board of Directors does hereby resolve and makes findings as follows:

WHEREAS, The District is a water purveyor to municipal customers in San Benito County serving the eastern portion of the City of Hollister and areas within the County south and east of the City; and

WHEREAS, San Benito County and most of California has experienced above normal rainfall and snow during the 2022/2023 fall and winter months; and

WHEREAS, The Bureau of Reclamation has allocated Central Valley Project municipal and industrial customers 100% of their full water allocation for the 2023 water year; and

WHEREAS, The State Water Resources Control Board adopted emergency drought regulations May 2021, modified April 2021, October 2021, and April 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of California has declared the drought over on March 27, 2023 and has maintained a few permanent water conservation measures that are incorporated into this resolution; and

WHEREAS, Sunnyslope County Water District water customers responded significantly to the State mandates and have responded to the drought and requested conservation measures admirably reducing consumption as directed by the State; and

WHEREAS, The District Board of Directors adopted the 2015 Hollister Urban Area Water Management Plan (HUAWMP) in August of 2016 and approved Resolution No. 556 accepting the 2020 revision and update of the HUAWMP in June 2021, which specifies a water shortage response plan including four stages of water rationing with voluntary and mandatory water reductions dependent on the severity and duration of the water supply shortage; and

WHEREAS, The District Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 574 on April 19, 2022, increasing the Stage I water shortage emergency and implementing water conservation measures consistent with Stage II of the Hollister Urban Area Water Management Plan requesting a voluntary water conservation of 25%; and

WHEREAS, Due to a very wet fall and winter of 2022/2023, water supply allocations for the Central Valley Project, and the efforts and conservation by the District water customers, it is appropriate and time to declare the drought over and modify the emergency conservation measures to return to the permanent conservation measures identified in the HUAWMP; and

WHEREAS, the District Board finds that adoption of this resolution is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act per Article 20, Section 15378.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED,

1. Water shortage emergency conditions no longer exist, and the Board of Directors hereby declares the drought over for the Sunnyslope County Water District.

2. Resolution No. 574 is hereby rescinded, and water conservation measures are amended as set forth in this Resolution.
3. District water customers are encouraged to use water wisely and water waste is prohibited as directed by the current revision of the HUAWMP which has been previously adopted and supported by this Board.
4. This Resolution shall take immediate effect upon adoption.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION on a motion by Director Alcorn and second by Director Buzzetta is duly adopted this 18th day of April, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: Buzzetta, Mauro, Parker, Alcorn, and Brown

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

SUNNYSLOPE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Signed: 
Dee Brown, President

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ATTEST:


Drew A. Lander, General Manager/Secretary of the Board of Directors

The Secretary of the Board of Directors of Sunnyslope County Water District hereby certifies that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the resolution adopted on April 18, 2023 as Resolution No. 590.