

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SHASTA
PROCLAIMING CONTINUATION OF A LOCAL DROUGHT EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, California Government Code section 8630 empowers the Board of Supervisors to proclaim the existence of a local drought emergency when Shasta County is threatened or likely to be threatened by the conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property that are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of this County; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code section 8558(c) states that a “local emergency” means the duly proclaimed existence of conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of the County caused by the drought; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of California declared a statewide drought emergency on January 17, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Governor’s proclamation acknowledged that the State of California is experiencing record dry conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Governor’s proclamation also noted local water sources and supplies are constrained due to a lack of early snowfall and low storage; and

WHEREAS, the Governor’s proclamation called upon all Californians to reduce their water usage by 20 percent; and

WHEREAS, dry conditions and lack of precipitation present urgent problems: drinking water supplies are at risk in many communities; fewer crops can be cultivated and farmers’ long-term investments are put at risk; communities heavily dependent on agricultural employment will suffer heightened unemployment and economic hardship; and the risk of wildfires in Shasta is greatly increased; and

WHEREAS, the magnitude of the severe drought conditions presents threats beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of any single local government and require the combined forces of a mutual aid region or regions to combat; and

WHEREAS, these conditions are likely to be beyond the services, equipment, personnel and fiscal resources of the County of Shasta; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution on May 6, 2014, proclaiming a local drought emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution on September 20, 2016, proclaiming the continuation of a local drought emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors recognizes that the circumstances that led to the September 20, 2016, proclamation continues to exist.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND PROCLAIMED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Shasta that a local drought emergency exists throughout Shasta County; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all water users are requested to voluntarily reduce their water usage by twenty percent where greater conservation efforts are not mandated by their water service providers; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all citizens and visitors take actions to prevent the ignition and spread of wildfire and maintain a defensible space around buildings and structures under their control; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that federal and state agencies are requested to provide financial and other assistance to residents, water suppliers, water rights holders, ranchers, farmers, business owners and local governments in Shasta County to help them mitigate the persistent drought conditions; and

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of this local drought emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this County shall be those prescribed by state law, ordinances, and resolutions existing and passed in conjunction with this emergency, and that this emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until the Board of Supervisors of the County of Shasta, State of California, proclaims its termination. Further, it is directed that this emergency proclamation be forwarded to the Director of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services and the Governor of the State of California; and

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that this Board of Supervisors will review the need for continuing the local drought emergency at least once every thirty days until this Board terminates the local drought emergency.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of October, 2016 by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Shasta, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:
RECUSE:

PAM GIACOMINI, CHAIRMAN
Board of Supervisors
County of Shasta
State of California

ATTEST:
LAWRENCE G. LEES
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By _____
Deputy