

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-**

**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 disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of the County caused by drought or other conditions which are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the County and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and

**WHEREAS**, On April 21, 2021, the Governor of the State of California issued a State of Emergency Proclamation and declared a drought emergency effecting two counties; and

**WHEREAS**, On May 10, 2021, the Governor of the State of California expanded the drought emergency declaration to 41 counties, including Shasta County; and

**WHEREAS**, On October 19, 2021, the Governor of the State of California expanded the drought emergency declaration to proclaim a state of emergency due to drought such that the drought state of emergency is in effect statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, On February 13, 2023, the Governor of the State of California issued executive order N-3-23 stating that the drought emergency proclamations issued in 2021 remain in full force and effect; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor’s State of Emergency Proclamation acknowledges that the State of California is experiencing critically dry conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Bureau of Reclamation has reduced Central Valley Project water deliveries to 35% for agricultural and 75% for municipal and industrial north of delta contractors; 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**, on June 15, 2021, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 2021-053 proclaiming the existence of a local drought emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 15, 2021, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 2021-074 proclaiming the continuation of a local drought emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 5, 2021, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 2021-093 proclaiming the continuation of a local drought emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 16, 2021, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 2021-121 proclaiming the continuation of a local drought emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 4, 2022, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 2022-005 proclaiming the continuation of a local drought emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 1, 2022, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 2022-021 proclaiming the continuation of a local drought emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 19, 2022, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 2022-041 proclaiming the continuation of a local drought emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 14, 2022, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 2022-062 proclaiming the continuation of a local drought emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 2, 2022, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 2022-086 proclaiming the continuation of a local drought emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 27, 2022, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 2022-110 proclaiming the continuation of a local drought emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 8, 2022, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 2022-129 proclaiming the continuation of a local drought emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 13, 2022, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 2022-150 proclaiming the continuation of a local drought emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 7, 2023, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 2023-013 proclaiming the continuation of a local drought emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors recognizes that the circumstances that led to the February 7, 2023 proclamation continue 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 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 sixty days until this Board terminates the local drought emergency.

**DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 28th day of March, 2023, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Shasta, by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:  
RECUSE:

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PATRICK JONES, CHAIR  
Board of Supervisors  
County of Shasta  
State of California

ATTEST:  
MARY WILLIAMS  
Acting Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy