

**TWAIN HARTE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NO. 16-17**

**CONTINUANCE OF WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCY AND IMPLEMENTATION OF  
PHASE II VOLUNTARY CONSERVATION MEASURES**

**WHEREAS**, the State of California is in the midst of the worst drought on record, causing a severe water shortage, unprecedented fire hazards and extreme tree mortality across the State and Tuolumne County; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the drought, Governor Jerry Brown proclaimed a State of Emergency on January 17, 2014, directing local water agencies to reduce water usage; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 25, 2014, in response to the Governor's declaration and District-specific water shortage conditions, the District adopted Resolution #14-04, which:

1. Declared a water shortage emergency in accordance to California Water Code Sections 71640-71644; and
2. Implemented Phase III Mandatory Water Conservation Measures; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 11, 2014, due to slight water supply condition improvements, the District adopted Resolution #14-26, which:

1. Continued the water shortage emergency; and
2. Rescinded Phase III Mandatory Water Conservation Measures; and
3. Implemented Phase II Voluntary Conservation Measures; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 24, 2015, due to worsening water supply conditions and an executive order issued by Governor Jerry Brown that mandated a statewide 25% reduction in potable water use, the District adopted Resolution #15-05, which:

1. Continued the water shortage emergency; and
2. Rescinded Phase II Voluntary Water Conservation Measures; and
3. Implemented Phase III Mandatory Conservation Measures; and

**WHEREAS**, due to fairly normal precipitation and snowpack over the past year, the District's water supply conditions have improved and Tuolumne Utilities District, the District's primary water supplier, predicts sufficient water supply for the remainder of the year; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) recognizes that some areas have experienced improved water supply conditions even though drought conditions remain extreme and water conservation remains important; and

**WHEREAS**, the SWRCB recently removed requirements on the District to impose 25% mandatory conservation; instead, if local water supply conditions are favorable, the SWRCB only requires the District to encourage conservation, notify customers about leaks and enforce specific requirements designed to eliminate water waste; and

**WHEREAS**, in light of these reduced requirements and improved local water supply, the District desires to shift from mandatory water conservation to voluntary water conservation; and


**WHEREAS**, the District deems it necessary to continue the water shortage emergency, recognizing that the District's water supply continues to be threatened by expectation of continued drought, extreme wildfire and the growing tree mortality epidemic.


**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Directors of the Twain Harte Community Services District that:

1. A water shortage emergency continues to exist in the District's service area due to predictions of continued drought, extreme wildfire conditions and widespread tree mortality; and
2. The currently implemented Phase III Mandatory Conservation Measures and 25% reduction goal be rescinded; and
3. Phase II Voluntary Conservation Measures in Article 7 of District Ordinance No. 22 be implemented until such time that the Board of Directors finds that emergency conditions no longer exist; and
4. The latest revision of Article 22.5, "Drought Emergency Water Conservation", of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations be adopted and implemented, which specifically prohibits the following activities:
  - Hosing of sidewalks, driveways and other hardscapes;
  - Washing automobiles with hoses not equipped with a shut-off nozzle;
  - Using non-recirculated water in a fountain or other decorative water feature;
  - Watering lawns in a manner that causes runoff, or within 48 hours after measurable precipitation; and
5. District staff will provide prompt notice to customers whenever meters or visual reports indicate that a continuous leak may exist within the customer's control.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED**, by the Board of Directors of Twain Harte Community Services District, County of Tuolumne, State of California at their Regular Meeting of said Board held on June 9, 2016 by the following vote:

AYES: Mannix, Johnson, Knudson, McManus, Sipperley  
NOES: \_\_\_\_\_  
ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_  
ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Eileen Mannix, Board President

ATTEST:  
  
Carolyn Higgins, Board Secretary