

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-057**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA DECLARING THAT A WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCY CONDITION PREVAILS WITHIN THE AREA SERVED BY THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA**

**WHEREAS**, the State of California is experiencing unprecedented drought conditions with 2014 projected to become the driest year on record; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Drought Monitor currently classifies the entire State of California as experiencing severe to exceptional drought conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, On January 17, 2014, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a state of emergency in the State of California due to water supply impacts caused by three consecutive years of drought conditions in the state and called on all Californians to reduce their water usage by 20 percent; and

**WHEREAS**, On April 25, 2014, the Governor of the State of California issued an Executive Order proclaiming a continued state of emergency based on continued drought conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the drought conditions that are the basis of the Governor's emergency proclamations continue to exist throughout the State of California and within the jurisdictional limits of the City of San Buenaventura; and

**WHEREAS**, rainfall, as recorded by the Ventura County Watershed Protection District, was 44% of normal in the last water year (October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013), rainfall in the current water year (October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014) is projected to be 42% of normal, and projected rainfall is not expected to resolve this deficiency; and

**WHEREAS**, the deficiency in rainfall, in conjunctions with actions of others, has severely impacted the water supply available to the City from its water sources, including the Fox Canyon aquifer, Ventura River, Mound and Santa Paula Basins, and Casitas Municipal Water District; and

**WHEREAS**, water supply available to the City of San Buenaventura from its water sources, including the Fox Canyon aquifer, the Ventura River, and the Casitas Municipal Water District has decreased and is projected to decrease further in the near future. It is anticipated that the level of Lake Casitas will drop below 50% by fall 2014,

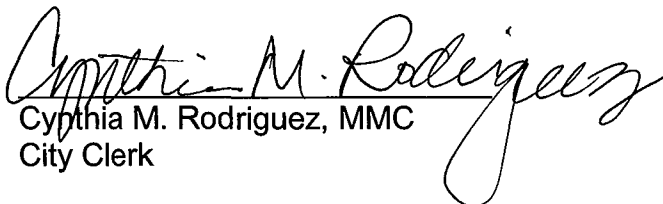
causing the Casitas Municipal Water District to impose an allocation program that will reduce water available to the City. Surface water flows in the Ventura River at Foster Park have ceased, preventing the City from obtaining water from the river. The City's ability to obtain water from the Oxnard Plain Groundwater Basin has been reduced because the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency recently passed an emergency ordinance reducing the City's water allocation and eliminating the use of credits that the City had accumulated to obtain water in dry years; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a direct nexus between the availability of water supply and the immediate preservation of the public health and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, immediate action is needed to effectively increase water conservation so that remaining supplies are maintained to address water availability and the related preservation of the public health and safety of the residents of the City of San Buenaventura.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of San Buenaventura that all proceedings having been duly taken as required by law, and upon review of the information provided in the staff report, public hearing, consideration of the testimony given at the public hearing, as well as other pertinent information, the City Council, based upon the foregoing, hereby finds and declares that a water shortage emergency condition exists by reason of the fact that the ordinary demands and requirements of the water consumers served by the City of San Buenaventura cannot be met by the water supplies now available to the City without depleting the water supply or diminishing its quality to the extent that there would be insufficient water for human consumption, sanitation, and fire protection.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 22 day of September, 2014.

  
Cynthia M. Rodriguez, MMC  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
Gregory Diaz  
City Attorney

  
Keith Bauerle  
Assistant City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA            )  
COUNTY OF VENTURA         ) ss  
CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA    )

I, Roxanne Fiorillo, Deputy City Clerk of the City of San Buenaventura, California, certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of San Buenaventura at a regular meeting on September 22, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES:        Councilmembers Morehouse, Weir, Tracy, Andrews, Monahan,  
              Deputy Mayor Nasarenko, and Mayor Heitmann.

NOES:        None.

ABSENT:     None.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of San Buenaventura on September 23, 2014.

  
Deputy City Clerk

