

## RESOLUTION NO. 16150

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 16018 AND DECLARING AN END TO A STAGE 2 WATER SHORTAGE IN THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY**

**WHEREAS**, on November 23, 2021, by Resolution No. 21-0177, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) declared a local Water Shortage Emergency and adopted a 10% systemwide water use reduction compared to baseline water use during Fiscal Year 2019-2020, which called for a 5% water use reduction by the SFPUC's retail customers and 13.7% water use reduction by the SFPUC's wholesale customers, to collectively achieve a systemwide water use reduction of 10%, consistent with Shortage Level 1 of the SFPUC's Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP), adopted by the SFPUC on June 11, 2021; by Resolution No. 21- 0100, and the Water Shortage Allocation Plan (WSAP), which is Attachment H of the 2021 Amended and Restated Water Supply Agreement between the City and County of San Francisco and its Wholesale Customers in Alameda County, San Mateo County, and Santa Clara County (Water Supply Agreement), approved by the SPUC on January 26, 2021, by Resolution No. 21-0009, with subsequent approval by the wholesale customers; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 10, 2022, the City Council of the City of Redwood City declared a water shortage emergency and authorized the Public Works Services Director to implement the actions in Stage 2 of the City's Water Shortage Contingency Plan corresponding to a water demand reduction of up to 20%; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 28, 2022, the Governor issued Executive Order N-7-22, which directed the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to adopt emergency regulations requiring each urban water supplier that has submitted a water shortage contingency plan to the California Department of Water Resources to implement, at a minimum, shortage response actions adopted under Section 10632 of the California Water Code for a shortage level of up to 20% (Shortage Level 2); and

**WHEREAS**, on May 24, 2022, the State Water Board adopted such regulations by State Water Board Resolution No. 2022-0018, to Adopt an Emergency Regulation to Reduce Demand and Improve Water Conservation, California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Division 3, Chapter 3.5, Article 2, Section 996 (State Water Board Regulations); and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the State Water Board Regulations, on May 24, 2022, by Resolution No. 22-0098, the SFPUC adopted an increased system-wide water use reduction of 11% compared to baseline water use during Fiscal Year 2019-2020, consistent with Shortage Level 2 of the SFPUC's WSCP, and authorized the General

Manager to implement actions under Shortage Level 2 of the WSCP, effective July 1, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, in January 2023, the State experienced one of the wettest three week periods on record, yielding a snowpack that was at 205 percent of average on February 1, 2023, yet to date February has been drier than average; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 13, 2023, the Governor issued Executive Order N-3-23, which continued the statewide drought emergency and regulations in effect, but also directed state agencies to provide recommendations on whether any existing provisions in the Governor's drought proclamations and executive orders are no longer needed to mitigate drought conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the March 3, 2023, snow survey conducted by the Department of Water Resources and partner agencies found that most regions of the Sierra Nevada are above average for snow water content, and some regions are nearing record amounts of snow, and snow and rain have fallen across many regions of the state since then, with more precipitation forecasted; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 24, 2023, the Governor issued Executive Order N-5-23, which among other actions terminated the portion of Executive Order N-7-22 that prompted the State Water Board to adopt Resolution No. 2022-0018 and require urban water suppliers to implement, at minimum, Shortage Level 2 of their water shortage contingency plans; and

**WHEREAS**, based on systemwide hydrologic conditions and water storage in the SFPUC's reservoirs as projected through the rest of the year, the SFPUC has determined that a water shortage condition no longer exists, and therefore a declaration of a local Water Shortage Emergency is no longer needed; and

**WHEREAS**, the voluntary system-wide water use reduction of 11% that the SFPUC adopted on May 24, 2022, by Resolution No. 22-0098, remained in effect, consistent with the State Water Board Regulations that were adopted May 24, 2022, at the direction of the Governor in Executive Order N-7-22, and Resolution No. 22-0098 should be rescinded if and when the State Water Board modifies those regulations to no longer require the SFPUC to implement at Level 1 or Level 2 of its WSCP; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 10, 2023 regulations adopted by the State Water Board pursuant to its Resolution No. 2022-0018, expired no longer requiring urban water suppliers to implement demand reductions actions identified in the supplier's water shortage contingency plan for a Level 2 shortage of ten (10) to twenty (20) percent; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager recommends that City Council end the declaration of a Stage 2 water shortage because no water supply shortage exists at this time.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The recitals set forth above are true and correct, and hereby incorporated herein by this reference as if fully set forth in their entirety.
2. The City Council hereby rescinds Resolution No. 16018 and ends the declaration of a Stage 2 Water Shortage Emergency.
3. The City Council's adoption of this Resolution is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Guideline 15307 because it is an authorized action by a regulatory agency to assure the maintenance, restoration or enhancement of natural resources where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment.
4. This resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its adoption.

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Passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Redwood City at a  
Joint City Council/Successor Agency Board/Public Financing Authority Meeting  
thereof held on the 26th day of June 2023 by the following votes:

AYES: Aguirre, Eakin, Howard, Martinez Saballos, Sturken, Vice  
Mayor Espinoza-Garnica, and Mayor Gee  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
RECUSED: None



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Jeff Gee  
Mayor of the City of Redwood City

Attest:



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Pamela Aguilar, CMC  
City Clerk of Redwood City

I hereby approve the foregoing resolution this  
29<sup>th</sup> day June 2023.



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Jeff Gee  
Mayor of the City of Redwood City