

RESOLUTION NO. 16018

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY DECLARING A WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC WORKS SERVICES DIRECTOR TO IMPLEMENT STAGE 2 OF THE CITY'S WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN

WHEREAS, California is entering a third year of intensifying drought and the Governor has issued four proclamations dated April 12, May 10, July 8, and October 19, 2021 and Executive Order N-10-21 issued on July 8, 2021 declaring a drought emergency in all of the state's 58 counties and called on all Californians to voluntarily reduce water use 15% from 2020 levels; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) has achieved about a 10.9% decrease in regional system water use from FY19-20 use for the period of July 1 to November 10, 2021, with a 15.5% reduction for retail and a 9.0% reduction for wholesale; and

WHEREAS, effective August 19, 2021, the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) adopted an emergency regulation authorizing the curtailment of diversions when water is determined to be unavailable at a water right holder's or claimant's priority of right (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, §§ 876-879.2.), for up to one year; and

WHEREAS, on August 20, 2021, the Water Board issued curtailment orders to the SFPUC for its diversions in the Tuolumne River watershed; and

WHEREAS, on November 23, 2021 the SFPUC issued Resolution No. 21-0177 declaring a water shortage emergency and called for voluntary systemwide 10% water use reduction; and

WHEREAS, the SFPUC declared a local water shortage emergency in order to access resources and additional water supplies only available during emergencies, such as the health and safety exception to the Water Board's curtailment orders that would allow continued diversions for 55 gallons per person per day; and

WHEREAS, the SFPUC seeks a 10% systemwide water reduction from a FY 2019-2020 baseline to better align with service area needs and water use levels than current state calls for conservation, comprised of 5% reduction for retail and 13.7% reduction for wholesale customers to collectively achieve a systemwide water use reduction of 10% consistent with the Water Shortage Allocation Plan, Attachment H of the 2018 Amended and Restated Water Supply Agreement; and

WHEREAS, on December 1, 2021, pursuant to Section 3.11.C of the 2018 Amended and Restated Water Supply Agreement between the City and County of San Francisco and the Wholesale Customers in Alameda County, San Mateo County, and

Santa Clara County (WSA), the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) transmitted to the SFPUC the individual percent share of the amount of water allocated to each Wholesale Customer from the San Francisco Regional Water System (SFRWS); and

WHEREAS, Redwood City's percent share of water from the SFRWS is 6.364%, which includes a drought allocation of 7.237 million gallons per day and represents a 17.43% reduction in water use from FY 2019-2020 baseline water demand from the SFRWS; and

WHEREAS, on June 14, 2021 Redwood City adopted a Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) that includes actions to be taken when there is a reasonable probability that there will be a water supply shortage; and

WHEREAS, the WSCP identifies a Stage 2 water shortage as any shortage requiring up to a 20% reduction in water demand, and Stage 2 includes actions to implement a mandatory Water Allocation Program with moderate water rate incentives and/or penalties for exceeding allocation/budget and irrigation of ornamental landscapes or turf not supplied through a dedicated irrigation meter with potable water not more than two days per week; and

WHEREAS, Redwood City seeks to reduce water demand by 17.43% from FY 2019-2020 demands which necessitates the actions identified in Stage 2 of its WSCP; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager recommends that City Council declare a Stage 2 water shortage because there is a reasonable probability that there will be a supply shortage necessitating a demand reduction of up to 20% in order to ensure that sufficient supplies will be available to meet anticipated demands.

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 declares that a water supply shortage exists and a demand reduction of up to 20% is necessary to appropriately respond to existing supply conditions.
3. This City Council hereby declares a Stage 2 Water Shortage as defined in its Water Shortage Contingency Plan, and authorizes the Public Works Services Director to implement the actions in Stage 2.
4. The City Council's adoption of this Resolution and the proposed actions set forth in the WSCP are categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Guideline 15307 because they are authorized actions 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.

5. This resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its adoption and shall remain in effect until the first to take place of:

- a. Rescinded by subsequent resolution of the City Council, or
- b. Otherwise modified by subsequent resolution of the City Council.

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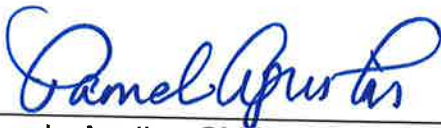
Passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Redwood City at a
Joint City Council/Successor Agency Board/Public Financing Authority Meeting
thereof held on the 10th day of January, 2022 by the following votes:

AYES: Aguirre, Espinoza-Garnica, Gee, Howard, Reddy, Smith
and Mayor Hale
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None
RECUSED: None



Giselle Hale
Mayor of the City of Redwood City

Attest:



Pamela Aguilar, CMC
City Clerk of Redwood City

I hereby approve the foregoing resolution this
10th day of January 2022.



Giselle Hale
Mayor of the City of Redwood City