

RESOLUTION NO. 9-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GROVELAND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT DECLARING A WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCY, PHASE III MANDATORY WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES FOR THE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Groveland Community Services District (“District”) has duly noted this public hearing through the posting of the agenda in accordance with the provisions of the Brown Act, and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of California did on January 17, 2014 declare a Drought State of Emergency and sought a twenty percent (20%) reduction in state water use in response to a record dry winter and snow pack, and

WHEREAS, 2013 was one of the driest years in recorded history and 2014 is continuing the drought pattern, and

WHEREAS, winter rains, snow melt and/or mountain run-off is a major source of fresh water for the Hetch Hetchy Reservoir and regional water system, and

WHEREAS, the District’s sole water supply source is provided by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (“SFPUC”) through from the Hetch Hetchy Reservoir and regional water system, and

WHEREAS, because the amount of fresh water in the system is in jeopardy, a shortage will affect the ability of the SFPUC to provide the District with its normal quantity of water, and

WHEREAS, the District has established a program of phased regulations for instances of water shortages in GCSO Amendment No. 1 to Water Ordinance No. 2-10, and

WHEREAS, the District has provided for water conservation practices to be imposed in the event of a declared water shortage in Article 18 of Water Ordinance No. 2-10, and

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2014, following a public hearing, the District Board of Directors adopted Resolution 5-14 declaring a Water Shortage Emergency pursuant to Section 18.04(B) of Water Ordinance No. 2-10 in response to the drought crisis at that time, and

WHEREAS the current Water Shortage Emergency Declaration does not mandate water conservation on GCSO water users, but establishes voluntary conservation measures with a water reduction goal of ten percent (10%), and

WHEREAS, the State did receive additional precipitation in late March and early April, the amount was insufficient to significantly reduce the severity of the drought crisis in the State, and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of California did on April 25, 2014 issued an executive order including a Proclamation of a Continued State of Emergency due to severe drought conditions and ordered a redoubling of efforts to conserve water and reduce water use within the State by twenty percent (20%), and

WHEREAS, the District has implemented voluntary water conservation efforts but there is no current limitation on the amount of water the District's water customers can use, and

WHEREAS, the District finds that it should take further water conservation steps at this time and declare a more stringent level of Water Shortage Emergency to impose mandatory water restrictions on itself and its customers in order to 1) identify a water reduction goal of twenty percent (20%) to comply with the Governor's declaration and executive order, and 2) reduce the potential impact of further water restrictions imposed by SFPUC due to a depleted water supply, and

WHEREAS, the District expects that further limitations on its water supply are in the near future that will require immediate reductions from the District's water customers, and

WHEREAS, the District understands that the time period between adoption of the resolution establishing a stage of a water shortage emergency and the communities awareness and full implementation of the restrictions required of the emergency will not happen immediately and will take several weeks to occur, and

WHEREAS, the District in order to timely respond to the expected additional water supply limitations, finds that, in accordance with Section 18.04(C) of Water Ordinance No. 2-10, a Phase III Water Shortage Emergency exists and that the ordinary water demands and requirements of water consumers within the District cannot be satisfied, and

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2014, the District Board of Directors conducted a public hearing in accordance with Section 18.03 of Water Ordinance No. 2-10 for the purpose of determining whether a water shortage emergency condition exists and, if so, the degree of the emergency and what regulations and restrictions should be enforced in response to the shortage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED, AND ORDERED BY THE GROVELAND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Groveland Community Services District Board of Directors declares that a Phase III Water Shortage Emergency ("Emergency") exists for the District as defined in Section 18.04(C) of Water Ordinance No. 2-10 for the reasons set forth in the recitals above and incorporated herein and that the ordinary water demands and requirements of water consumers within the GCSD cannot be satisfied due to the drought conditions.


Section 2. District staff is directed to take all appropriate actions under Article 18 of Water Ordinance No. 2-10 to enforce this Phase III Water Shortage Emergency in order to preserve the water supply.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 10th day of July, 2014, by the following vote of the Board of Directors of the Groveland Community Services District, to wit:

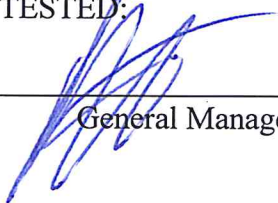
AYES: 5
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

GROVELAND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT



President

ATTESTED:



General Manager

I hereby certify that the above Resolution No. 9-14 was duly introduced, read, and adopted by the District at a [special] meeting held on July 10, 2014.



General Manager