

RESOLUTION NO. 09-044

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND MENDOCINO COUNTY WATER AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO CONSERVE THE COUNTY'S WATER SUPPLIES IN ANTICIPATION OF CONTINUING DROUGHT CONDITIONS

WHEREAS, a long and continuing period of unusually dry weather, abnormally low stream flows, and reduced groundwater levels have resulted in water supply shortages throughout Mendocino County; and

WHEREAS, these conditions and water shortages, should they continue, may endanger the health, safety, and welfare of a significant number of County citizens, as well as the County's natural resources; and

WHEREAS, conservation measures are necessary to reduce the severity of these water supply shortfalls and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of County citizens, as well as the County's natural resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors and the Board of Directors of the Mendocino County Water Agency:

- 1) Call upon citizens, businesses, schools, institutions of higher learning, agricultural operations, and local governments to conserve water to the maximum extent possible, in order to preserve and protect the County's water supplies,
- 2) Direct the Mendocino County Water Agency to:
 - a) continue and to the maximum extent possible expand on going efforts to promote water conservation
 - b) assist water purveyors with the development and implementation of water conservation programs that will achieve immediate reductions in water use
 - c) work with water purveyors to establish mutual aid agreements and to facilitate the creation of system interconnections for emergency purposes
 - d) assist the County Office of Emergency Services with the compilation of information needed to make a Local Emergency Declaration, should drought conditions worsen or otherwise warrant

The foregoing Resolution introduced by Supervisor McCowen, seconded by Supervisor Brown, and carried this 3rd day of March, 2009, by the following vote:

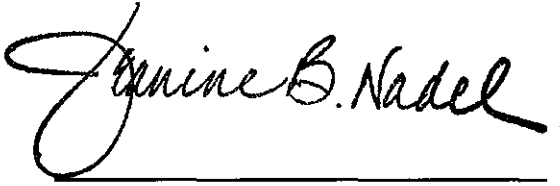
AYES: Supervisors Brown, McCowen, Pinches, Smith and Colfax
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

WHEREUPON, the Chair declared said Resolution adopted and SO ORDERED.

ATTEST: KRISTI FURMAN
Clerk of the Board


Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
JEANINE B. NADEL, County Counsel

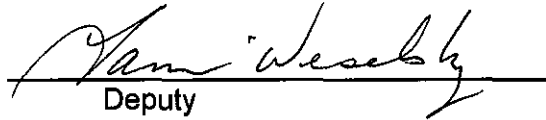




JOHN PINCHES, Chair
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
and Mendocino County Water Agency Board

I hereby certify that according to the provisions of Government Code Section 25103, delivery of this document has been made.

BY: KRISTI FURMAN
Clerk of the Board


Deputy