

RESOLUTION NO. 06-2022-802

A Resolution of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District Board of Directors Calling on our Member Cities and All Stakeholders to Sustain Local Groundwater Supplies by Implementing Increased Water Use Restrictions and Greater Conservation Measures

WHEREAS the San Gabriel Valley is situated in Southern California, possessing a dry environment and climate characterized by weather extremes including recurring drought, periods of intense precipitation and flooding, high heat and wildfires, and a healthy economy resulting in economic and population growth as well as sustained water demand;

WHEREAS approximately 80% of the water used in the San Gabriel Valley is sourced from local groundwater wells and other local supplies, with the remaining 20% comprised of imported water;

WHEREAS California and the San Gabriel Valley are in the third year of drought, experienced the driest January through March period in history, and have had State Water Project allocations reduced to 5% the past two years;

WHEREAS in June 2022 the U.S. Drought Monitor indicates 100% of the State is experiencing moderate drought and 97% of the State is experiencing either severe or extreme drought, and the Department of Water Resources shows below than average snowpack levels and critically low levels of watershed runoff;

WHEREAS Main San Gabriel Basin and Raymond Basin groundwater supplies have been declining consistently for several years and the Baldwin Park Key Well in June 2022 shows groundwater levels in the Main San Gabriel Basin are 186.3 feet above mean sea level (MSL), well below Watermaster's recommended operating range of 200-250 feet above MSL, and it is anticipated the Baldwin Park Key Well will fall below its historic low level by late summer or early fall;

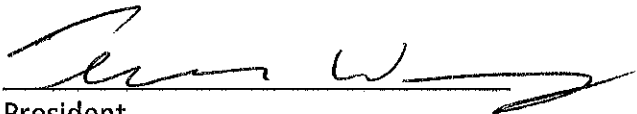
WHEREAS Executive Order N-7-22 adopted on March 28, 2022 by Governor Gavin Newsom calls upon each urban water supplier that has a water shortage contingency plan per California Water Code section 10632 to implement a shortage level of up to 20%;

WHEREAS the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District provides a variety of water conservation solutions including infrastructure loans and grants to member cities, water conservation rebates and grants for residents and businesses, public information materials and media, and school and youth conservation and education programs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District calls for all its member cities and water users to reduce water use by at least 20 percent to assist in sustaining groundwater levels in the Main San Gabriel Basin and to implement all actions specified in the emergency regulations adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board;


FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, because the current drought is worsening, drought is "normal" and will recur, and California has not yet mandated water use restrictions, the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District calls upon all San Gabriel Valley residents, businesses and government entities to commit to and implement water management best practices and the highest level of voluntary water use reductions and water conservation increases needed to preserve local groundwater supplies.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on June 13, 2022.



President

ATTEST:



Secretary (Deputy)

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