



**TOWN OF FAIRFAX**  
**STAFF REPORT**  
**January 15, 2014**

**TO:** Mayor and Town Council  
**FROM:** Michele Gardner, Town Clerk *MG*  
**SUBJECT:** Adoption of a resolution promoting voluntary water conservation efforts

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**RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt the attached resolution

**DISCUSSION**

Mayor Weinsoff submitted the attached memo and proposed resolution regarding voluntary water conservation efforts.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None

**TOWN OF FAIRFAX  
COUNCILMEMBER MEMORANDUM**

**To: Town Council**

**Meeting Date: January 15, 2015**

**From: Mayor Weinsoff**

**Subject: Resolution Promoting Voluntary Water Conservation Efforts**

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Background: Very little rain fell on Marin County during 2013. The MMWD reports that the amount of rain recorded at Lake Lagunitas during the entire year totaled just 10.68 inches – significantly less than the annual average of 52 inches. On December 17, 2013, the MMWD Board of Directors unanimously passed a resolution in response to the extreme dry weather conditions and its impact on MMWD’s water supply, requesting that all of us conserve water this winter. The Fairfax Town Council has been proactive in promoting reduced water use during times of sustained drought conditions. By Resolution 2556 adopted in July, 2008, the Council informed the community of drought conditions and the importance of water conservation. This Resolution similarly identifies the current need to promote voluntary water conservation measures in our Town.

Proposal: This Resolution calls for the Council to make a voluntary request of our restaurants, businesses, and community to examine our water consumption patterns and take voluntary actions to reduce our water use. Restaurants that provide table-service are specifically requested to only provide water to their customers upon request.

Fiscal Impact: As this Resolution calls for only voluntary actions, it requires no Town Staff assistance, has no Town Budget allocation, and therefore has no direct fiscal impact.

**RESOLUTION 14-\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX  
PROMOTING VOLUNTARY WATER CONSERVATION EFFORTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Marin Municipal Water District reports that the period January – December 2013 was the driest year ever recorded in Marin, with rainfall of only 10.68 inches recorded at Lake Lagunitas compared to the average 52 inches; and

**WHEREAS**, it is not possible to predict the duration of present drought conditions, requiring immediate water conservation measures be taken this year to address possible dry conditions throughout 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of California through its agencies and departments, and the Marin Municipal Water District through its printed and on-line resources provide a wealth of advice and direction on water conservation actions and opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Fairfax and its residents, consistent with our practice of seeking the sustainable use of natural resources, wants to ensure that water supplies for current and future years are sufficient for public and commercial use.

**NOW THEREFORE**, it is hereby resolved that the Town of Fairfax seeks the following volunteer actions: (i) all Fairfax restaurants providing table-service will only serve water to its customers upon request; (ii) all Fairfax businesses are asked to review their water consumption practices and implement water conservation actions where appropriate; and (iii) all Fairfax residents are encouraged to conserve water by adjusting their personal use to reduce the amount of water we consume both within our homes and on our landscaping.

The foregoing Resolution was duly introduced and adopted at a meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax held in said Town on the 15th day of January, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

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David Weinssoff, Mayor

Attest:

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Michele Gardner, Town Clerk