



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

STAFF REPORT

September 1, 2021

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Michele Gardner, Town Clerk

SUBJECT: Adoption of a Resolution Promoting Voluntary Water Conservation Efforts

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the attached Resolution Promoting Voluntary Water Conservation Efforts.

DISCUSSION

Councilmember Coler proposed the Council adopt this resolution calling for voluntary water conservation efforts by the community, similar to Fairfax Resolution 14-04 adopted in January 2014.

The resolution asks restaurants to only serve water to customers upon request and asks all businesses and residents to find ways to reduce their water use in response to the extreme drought. The voluntary measures would be in addition to the mandatory restrictions the Marin Municipal Water District ("Marin Water") has imposed. For information on restrictions as well as water conservation tips and suggestions, residents are encouraged to visit <https://www.marinwater.org/>.

Marin Water is scheduled to make a presentation at this Council meeting, earlier on the agenda.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

ATTACHMENT

Proposed Resolution

RESOLUTION 21-__

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

WHEREAS, the State of California and the County of Marin are in the worst drought on record, with rainfall levels for more than 17 months at the lowest recorded in more than 140 years, and Marin reservoir storage capacity is at the lowest it has been in more than 40 years; and

WHEREAS, in April 2021, the Marin Municipal Water District's Board of Directors declared a water shortage emergency and adopted mandatory water use restrictions to help preserve our water supply and to reduce water use districtwide by 40 percent; and

WHEREAS, it is not possible to predict the duration of the present drought conditions, requiring that immediate water conservation measures be taken to address possible dry conditions through the winter; 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 resources 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, be it hereby resolved by the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax that the Town seeks the following volunteer actions beyond the mandatory restrictions: (i) all Fairfax restaurants providing table-service will only serve water to customers upon request; (ii) all Fairfax businesses are asked to review their water use 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 1st day of September 2021 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

BRUCE ACKERMAN, MAYOR

Attest: _____
Michele Gardner, Town Clerk