## **RESOLUTION 2016-1**

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## ADOPTING A DISTRICT-WIDE ANNUAL GOAL FOR TOTAL WATER USE

## PURISSIMA HILLS WATER DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Purissima Hills Water District ("District") obtains all of its water from the City and County of San Francisco, acting through the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission ("SFPUC") and is entirely dependent on the SFPUC source of supply for its water; and

WHEREAS, the 2009 Water Supply Agreement between the City and County of San Francisco and 26 wholesale customers in Alameda County, San Mateo County and Santa Clara County establishes the District's annual water supply assurance at 792,832 units; and

**WHEREAS**, the District, currently in the midst of a drought, has achieved significant water reduction, but in the past has exceeded its water supply assurance by as much as 40%; and

WHEREAS, the District has continually explored water supply and conservation alternatives to augment its water supply, including constructing additional water service interconnections with neighboring agencies, drilling unproductive test wells and pursuing additional sources of water supply, as well as actively engaging customers in landscape conservation education with limited success; and

**WHEREAS**, in November of 2003, the District adopted Ordinance No. 2003-1 in order to prohibit the wasteful use of water, and in order to conserve the District's water supply for the greatest public benefit, and to reduce the quantity of water used by District customers; and

**WHEREAS**, most of the District's customers are subject to a Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance pursuant to AB 1881; and

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2014, California Governor Jerry Brown issued a proclamation that a State of Emergency exists in California due to current drought conditions, as evidenced by water supply and snowpack at levels alarmingly below their normal averages; and

WHEREAS, the State Water Resources Control Board ("SWRCB") pursuant to Resolution 2014-0038, the SWRCB also adopted emergency water conservation regulations which require both urban water suppliers and other distributors of a public water supply to implement various mandatory actions to conserve water; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to implement the SWRCB's emergency water conservation regulations, the District adopted restrictions on outdoor irrigation of ornamental landscapes or turf with potable water to no more than two days per week; and

**WHEREAS**, the SWRCB's present emergency water conservation regulations are not intended to be permanent, and may expire in the near future once drought conditions are alleviated; and

**WHEREAS**, the District's present District-wide annual consumption is projected at less than 792,832 units; and

WHEREAS, the District believes that while customers have reduced their water usage appreciably in 2015, there is still room for further reductions in conjunction with improved customer consumption information, customer education regarding more efficient household water use and irrigation, and quicker leak detection; and

WHEREAS, the District intends to encourage conservation on an ongoing basis to avoid District water usage increasing once drought conditions are alleviated; and

WHEREAS, the District's present rates are based on District-wide annual consumption of 780,000 units.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Purissima Hills Water District hereby adopts a voluntary District-wide annual goal of consuming no more than 792,832 units in any given year ("Water Consumption Target"); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Water Consumption Target may be revisited or revised from time to time, or eliminated, at the District's sole discretion.

Regularly passed and adopted this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016, by the following vote of the Board:

AYES:

Directors Solomon, Jordan, and Evans

NOES:

Directors Holtz and Anderson

ABSENT:

Secretary of the District

President, Board of Directors Purissima Hills Water District

ATTEST: