

**RESOLUTION NO. 670**

**RESCINDING RESOLUTION 633 AND TERMINATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STAGE 2 RESTRICTIONS OF THE WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN UNDER THE DISTRICT'S URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**WESTBOROUGH WATER DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, on July 8, 2021, California Governor Gavin Newsom expanded his Drought Proclamation to include San Mateo County and Santa Clara County, which also called upon all Californians to voluntarily reduce their water use by 15 percent compared to 2020 usage (Proclamation); and

**WHEREAS**, on July 12, 2021 and July 14, 2021, respectively, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) and the Bay Area Water Supply & Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) officially asked all customers of the Hetch Hetchy water system to voluntarily reduce their usage by 15%; and

**WHEREAS**, the Urban Water Management Planning Act (California Water Code Sections 10610, et. seq.) requires each urban water supplier, such as the Westborough Water District, to prepare and adopt an Urban Water Management Plan (Plan); and

**WHEREAS**, the Plan is required to include Water Shortage Contingency Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, in June 20, 2021, pursuant to Resolution No. 623, the Westborough Water District (District) adopted its Plan, which included a Water Shortage Contingency Plan that identifies a list of mitigation measures which may be authorized by the District, including voluntary water usage reductions of up to 20 percent; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 12, 2021, the District adopted Resolution No. 633, implementing Stage 2 of the Plan and urging a voluntary 15 percent reduction in water usage; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 28, 2022, the Governor issued Executive Order N-7-22, which directed the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to adopt emergency regulations requiring each urban water supplier that has submitted a Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) to the California Department of Water Resources to implement, at a minimum, shortage response actions (Shortage Level 2); and

**WHEREAS**, on May 24, 2022, the SWRCB adopted such regulations by SWRCB Resolution No. 2022-0018, Resolution to Adopt an Emergency Regulation to Reduce Demand and Improve Water Conservation, 23 Cal. Code of Regulations § 996 (SWRCB Regulations); and

**WHEREAS**, On February 13, 2023, the Governor issued Executive Order N-3-23, which continued the statewide drought emergency and regulations in effect, but also directed state agencies to provide recommendations on whether any existing provisions in the Governor's drought proclamations and executive orders are no longer needed to mitigate drought conditions;

and

**WHEREAS**, on March 24, 2023, the Governor issued Executive Order N-5-23, which among other actions terminated the portion of Executive Order N-7-22 that prompted the SWRCB to adopt SWRCB Resolution No. 22-0018, requiring urban water suppliers to implement, at minimum, the demand reduction actions in Level 2 of their WSCPs; and

**WHEREAS**, the aforementioned SWRCB Resolution No. 22-0018 is anticipated to expire on June 10, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 11, 2023, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission adopted Resolution 23-0073, rescinding SFPUC Resolution No. 21-0177 and thereby ending the local water shortage emergency declaration (Cal. Water Code §§ 350-359) and rescinding implementation of SFPUC's WSCP Level 2 upon the termination, rescission, or amendment of SWRCB Resolution No. 22-0018; and

**WHEREAS**, in light of the above-mentioned actions, staff recommends that the Board of Directors rescind Resolution 633 upon the anticipated termination, rescission, or amendment of the SWRCB Regulations requiring urban water suppliers to implement WSCP Level 2 actions.

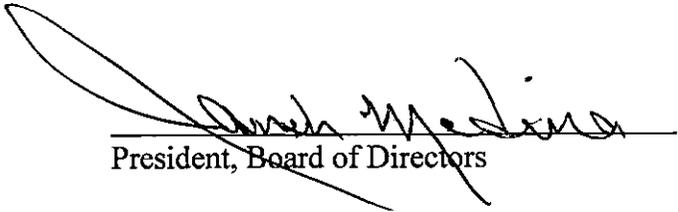
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors hereby terminates the implementation of Stage 2 of its Water Shortage Contingency Plan, effective the later of: June 10, 2023, or, if the requirements of SWRCB Resolution No. 22-0018 are extended, to the date such requirements expire or are terminated.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023, by the following vote:

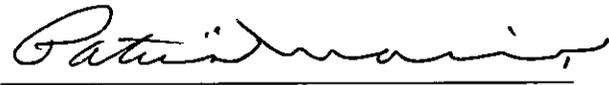
AYES: Amuzie, Bautista, Chambers, Richards, and Medina.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

  
President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

  
Board Secretary