## **RESOLUTION NO. 14-226**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MISSION HILLS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT ADOPTING MANDATORY WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES

**WHEREAS**, the Mission Hills Community Services District (the "District") is a community services district duly formed under California Government Code Section 61000 *et seq.* to provide community services within the District's service area, including water and wastewater services; and

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2014, the govern of the State of California declared a state of emergency (the "January Proclamation") due to record dry conditions and concerns over the State's dwindling water supplies. The January Proclamation states that "[l]ocal urban water suppliers and municipalities are called upon to implement their local water shortage contingency plans immediately in order to avoid or forestall outright restrictions that could become necessary later in the drought season; and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2014, the Governor issued a proclamation of a continued state of emergency under the California Emergency Services Act based on continued drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2014, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted new rules for urban water conservation during the drought, some of which are applicable to the District (Resolution No. 2014-0038); and

**WHEREAS,** Water Code Section 375 provides that a public entity which supplies water may, after holding a public hearing, adopt and enforce water conservation programs to reduce the quantity of water used by persons within the entity's service area or jurisdiction for the purpose of conserving the entity's water supply; and

WHEREAS, after holding a duly noticed public hearing on October 15, 2014, the Board of Directors determined that it is necessary and desirable to adopt the following water conservation measures.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MISSION HILLS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

- 2. The Board of Directors finds that the adoption of water conservation measures are necessary due to the following:
  - A. The Governor of California has declared a State of Emergency to exist in California due to severe drought conditions.
  - B. The drought conditions that formed the basis of the Governor's emergency proclamations continue to exist.
  - C. The present year is critically dry and has been immediately preceded by two or more consecutive below normal dry or critically dry years.
  - D. There is no guarantee that winter precipitation will alleviate the drought conditions; which will lead to even more severe impacts if the drought continues.
  - E. Water conservation is the easiest, most efficient and most cost effective way to quickly reduce water demand and extend supplies into the next vear.
  - F. Most customers use more water outdoors than indoors. Outdoor water use is generally discretionary, and many irrigated landscapes would not suffer greatly from receiving a decreased amount of water.
- 3. The Board of Directors adopts the following mandatory water conservation measures restricting the use of potable water except where necessary to address an immediate health and safety need or to comply with a term or condition in a permit issued by a state or federal agency.
  - A. The application of potable water to landscapes in a manner that causes runoff such that water flows onto adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, parking lots, or structures is prohibited.
  - B. The use of a hose that dispenses potable water to wash a motor vehicle, except where the hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle or device attached to it that causes it to cease dispensing water immediately when not in use is prohibited.
  - C. The application of potable water to driveways and sidewalks is prohibited.
  - D. The use of potable water in a fountain or other decorative water feature, except where the water is part of a recirculating system is prohibited.
  - E. Outdoor irrigation of ornamental landscapes or turf with potable water is allowed only on Monday and Thursday.
- 4. A violation of these regulations in addition to any other applicable civil or criminal penalties, is an infraction, punishable by a fine of up to five hundred dollars (\$500) for each day in which the violation occurs.

5. This Resolution is effective upon adoption.

On motion of Director Fasold, seconded by Director Mac Kenzie, and on the following roll call vote, to-wit:

AYES:

Directors:

Fasold, Hayes, Mac Kenzie, Naughton

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

None

ABSTAIN:

**Director Jones** 

The foregoing Resolution is hereby adopted this 15th day of October, 2014.

ATTEST:

Walter Fasold,

President Board of Directors

Casey Fowler, Secretary to the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Ziyad I. Naccasha, District Counsel