

**RESOLUTION 16-11
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE HELIX WATER DISTRICT REVISING
THE EMERGENCY DROUGHT ACTION PLAN**

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2014, Governor Jerry Brown issued a drought state of emergency declaration in response to record-low water levels in California's rivers and reservoirs as well as an abnormally low snowpack; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2015, Governor Brown issued an Executive Order calling for statewide mandatory potable water use reductions of up to 25 percent; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2015, the State Water Resources Control Board approved regulations, based on Governor Brown's Executive Order, mandating the Helix Water District to reduce its potable water consumption by 20 percent for June 2015 through February 2016 as compared to the same months in 2013; and

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2015, Governor Brown extended these conservation measures until October 31, 2016;

WHEREAS, on February 11, 2016, the SWRCB reduced the mandatory level of reduction in potable water consumption for HWD to 12 percent; and

WHEREAS, on July 24, 2014, the San Diego County Water Authority declared a drought alert calling for mandatory water conservation measures in response to the state's emergency drought regulations; and

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2015, the SDCWA adopted a resolution requiring member agencies to limit outdoor irrigation to no more than two days per week; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution Numbers 14-31, 15-64, 15-52, 15-38 (collectively, the "resolutions"), the board of directors previously established and/or modified certain restrictions on the use of water within the HWD to achieve the mandated 20 percent reduction in potable water use established by the SWRCB and comply with the water conservation measure adopted by the SDCWA; and

WHEREAS, on August 6, 2014 the HWD Board of Directors responded by adopting Resolution 14-31 declaring a Level 2 Drought Alert effective August 16, 2014; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2016, the SDCWA rescinded its requirement that member agencies limit outdoor irrigation to no more than two days per week; and

WHEREAS, the HWD Board of Directors has determined to rescind the requirement that district customers are limited to irrigating outdoor landscaping to two days per week, but to continue the water conservation measures applicable to a Level 2 Drought Alert set forth in Section 4.9 of the district's policies and procedures manual, including limiting residential and commercial landscape irrigation to no more than three days per week; and

WHEREAS, Water Code Section 375 authorizes a public entity that provides water services to adopt and enforce a water conservation program to reduce the quantity of water used by those persons for the purpose of conserving the water supplies of the public entity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Helix Water District Board of Directors as follows:

Section 1. The district hereby finds and determines that the above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein.

Section 2. The board hereby rescinds the requirement that district customers are limited to irrigating outdoor landscaping to two days per week. Irrigation of outdoor landscaping by district customers is hereby limited to no more than three days per week. All water conservation measures applicable to a Level 2 Drought Alert set forth in Section 4.9 of the district's policies and procedures manual shall remain in effect until the board of directors otherwise terminates the Level 2 Drought Alert or takes any other action to modify the water use restrictions applicable to district customers. Level 2 Drought Alert restrictions include:

- (1) Limit residential and commercial landscape irrigation to no more than three days per week. During the months of November through May, landscape irrigation may be limited to no more than twice per week. Watering days may be established and assigned by the general manager and posted by the district. This section shall not apply to commercial growers or nurseries.
- (2) Limit lawn watering and landscape irrigation using spray sprinklers to no more than ten minutes per watering station per assigned day. Irrigation run time shall be adjusted to avoid runoff. This provision does not apply to landscape irrigation systems using water efficient devices, including but not limited to: weather-based controllers, drip/micro-irrigation systems, stream rotor sprinklers and rotating nozzles.
- (3) Water landscaped areas, including trees and shrubs located on residential and commercial properties, and not irrigated by a landscape irrigation system governed by Section 4.9-6(B)(1), on the same schedule set forth in Section 4.9-6(B)(1) by using a bucket, hand-held hose with positive shut-off nozzle, or low-volume non-spray irrigation.
- (4) Stop water waste resulting from inefficient landscape irrigation, such as runoff, low head drainage, or overspray, etc. Similarly, stop water flows onto non-targeted areas, such as adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, hardscapes, roadways; or structures.
- (5) Irrigate residential and commercial landscape before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m. only.
- (6) Irrigate nursery and commercial grower's products before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m. only. Watering is permitted at any time with a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shut-off nozzle, a bucket, or when a drip/micro-irrigation system/equipment is used. Irrigation of nursery propagation beds is permitted at any time. Watering of livestock is permitted at any time.

- (7) Stop irrigating turf and ornamental landscape during and for at least 48 hours following measurable precipitation.
- (8) Use a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shut-off nozzle or bucket to water landscaped areas, including trees and shrubs located on residential and commercial properties that are not irrigated by a landscape irrigation system.
- (9) Stop washing down paved surfaces, including but not limited to sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or patios, except when it is necessary to alleviate safety or sanitation hazards.
- (10) Use recirculated water to operate ornamental fountains.
- (11) Wash vehicles using a bucket and a hand-held hose with positive shut-off nozzle, mobile high pressure/low volume wash system, or at a commercial site that recirculates (reclaims) water on-site. Avoid washing during hot conditions when additional water is required due to evaporation.
- (12) Serve and refill water in restaurants and other food service establishments only upon request.
- (13) Offer guests in hotels, motels, and other commercial lodging establishments the option of not laundering towels and linens daily.
- (14) Repair all leaks within 72 hours of notification by the Helix Water District unless other arrangements are made with the general manager.

Section 3. If provisions of this resolution are in conflict with each other, or any other resolution or policies or procedures of the district, the provisions of this resolution shall prevail.

Section 4. Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption

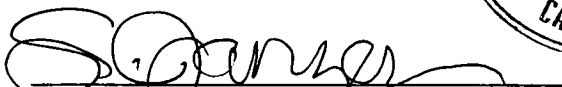
PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED this 6th day of April 2016, by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Verbeke, Muse, Hedberg, Linden and Scalzitti

Noes: None

Absent: None

Attest:


Sandra L. Janzen, Board Secretary




DeAna R. Verbeke, Board President