

**RESOLUTION 18-30
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF HELIX WATER DISTRICT
OPPOSING SENATE BILL 998 BY SENATOR BILL DODD
PROPOSING A STATEWIDE PROGRAM FOR RESIDENTIAL
WATER SERVICE DISCONNECTIONS FOR NONPAYMENT**

WHEREAS, Helix Water District Board of Directors is focused on safe, clean, reliable drinking water for the district's customers at an affordable rate; and

WHEREAS, a proposed statewide program for residential water service disconnections for nonpayment is being advanced through Senate Bill 998 by Senator Bill Dodd (D-Napa); and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 998 as introduced on February 5, 2018 would prohibit residential shutoffs under the following circumstances:

- 1) For at least 60 days following delinquency;
- 2) Until a local health agency determined that a shutoff would not result in a grave health or safety threat to a resident;
- 3) Households with elderly residents receiving in-home care, a resident receiving hospice care, a resident with life threatening medical conditions and households with an infant or a severely disabled child; and
- 4) For 180 days if a customer can demonstrate an economic hardship; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 998 would also establish a cap on reconnection fees that have no direct relationship with a water provider's actual costs to reconnect service, triggering Proposition 218 concerns; and

WHEREAS, Helix Water District remains committed to providing high quality, reliable and affordable water to customers and although water shut-offs impact only a small portion of district customers, they are necessary to protect the district's financial health as a non-profit special district; and

WHEREAS, the district maintains a turn off for nonpayment policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Helix Water District Board of Directors oppose Senate Bill 998 proposing a statewide program for residential water service disconnections for nonpayment.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 18th day of July 2018, by the following vote:

AYES: McMillan, Scalzitti, Gracyk

NOES: None

ABSENT: Hedberg, Verbeke


Daniel H. McMillan, Chair

ATTEST:


Sandra L. Janzen, Secretary of the Board

