

RESOLUTION 09-12

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF SWEETWATER AUTHORITY
AMENDING THE DROUGHT RESPONSE PLAN AND ASSOCIATED CONSERVATION
PRICING STRUCTURE ESTABLISHED IN RESOLUTION 08-19**

WHEREAS, the Colorado River, snow pack in the Sierras , and state water deliveries to Southern California from the Bay-Delta continue to endure extended periods of less than average precipitation and delivery system limitations; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 08-19 Sweetwater Authority adopted its Drought Response Plan including an allocation based conservation water pricing structure and the criteria required to adopt this structure; and

WHEREAS, Sweetwater Authority has been presented with information and data demonstrating that the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and San Diego County Water Authority are experiencing water shortage conditions and are, in response to those water shortage conditions, imposing mandatory conservation measures on Sweetwater Authority, and

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2009, the San Diego County Water Authority Board of Directors took action to call for member agencies to reduce water consumption by up to eight percent; and

WHEREAS, Sweetwater Authority customers have, for the past nine months, reduced water consumption within the service area in excess of eight percent through voluntary actions;

WHEREAS, it is the desire and intent of the Governing Board of Sweetwater Authority to make all required reductions through self-directed efforts on the part of all customers; and

WHEREAS, in order to achieve mandatory reduction levels, recognize voluntary water use reductions already achieved, and preserve the ability to allocate available water supplies should conditions change, flexibility to declare the appropriate drought level to meet pre-defined water reduction goals is necessary.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Board of Sweetwater Authority, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Governing Board of Sweetwater Authority hereby adopts the attached amended Drought Response Plan including an allocation based conservation water pricing structure to guide the drought response activities of Sweetwater Authority until such time as it is replaced by a subsequent Drought Response Plan.

SECTION 2. The Governing Board of Sweetwater Authority hereby directs the General Manager to continue the implementation of the conservation measures identified in the Drought Response Plan for Level 1.

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SECTION 3. *This Resolution shall become effective as of the date of adoption and shall be published within ten days of adoption, pursuant to California Water Code Section 376.*

SECTION 4. *All previous water conservation measures including Resolution 08-19 under which prior water conservation and drought response programs were established are hereby rescinded and replaced by this Resolution.*

SECTION 5. *This Resolution has been adopted, following a Public Hearing which was noticed on the May 27, 2009 Governing Board meeting agenda.*

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of Sweetwater Authority at a regular meeting duly held on the 27th day of May, 2009, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Morrison, Muehleisen, Pocklington, Preciado, Rubalcaba,
Thomas and Welsh
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

W.D. Pocklington, Chair

Attest:

Rita Schoonderwoerd, Secretary