

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (CM)

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
WATSONVILLE DECLARING A WATER SUPPLY SHORTAGE AND
ENACTING STAGE LEVEL 1 WATER RESTRICTIONS CONTAINED IN
THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE 2020 WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY
PLAN**

WHEREAS, with California experiencing a second consecutive dry winter, California Governor Newsom announced on April 21, 2021 several actions related to drought preparedness; and

WHEREAS, additional drought emergency proclamations were issued on May 10, 2021 and July 8, 2021; and

WHEREAS, currently, 50 of the state's 58 counties fall under this proclamation including Santa Cruz County calling on all Californians to voluntarily reduce water use by 15% compared to 2020 consumption; and

WHEREAS, given that the state-wide water conservation order is voluntary, it is staff's recommendation to begin promoting and encouraging all water customers to practice water-wise consumption habits without imposing restrictions; and

WHEREAS, on June 22, 2021, Council adopted Resolution No. 183-21 (CM) approving the City of Watsonville 2020 Water Shortage Contingency Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Watsonville's Water Shortage Contingency Plan includes six levels of action that can be declared by the City Council corresponding to the severity of the water supply scenario; and

WHEREAS, Stage Level One water restrictions found in the City's Water Shortage Contingency Plan (Page 6) is consistent with the State's mandates and is anticipated to be adequate to achieve the 10% percent water use reduction.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, AS FOLLOWS:**

That the City Council of the City of Watsonville hereby declares a Water Supply Shortage and enacts Stage Level One water restrictions of the City's 2020 Water Shortage Contingency Plan contained in the City of Watsonville 2020 Urban Water Management Plan which enacts the following practices:

- Expand existing efforts to promote conservation – intensify water conservation public information and outreach programs
- Allocate additional funds to water conservation staffing, rebates, and outreach programs
- Stepped up enforcement of landscape water use per the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELO) and previously approved water allowances
- Reduce potable water supplement to reused water by 25 percent
