



County of Sonoma  
State of California

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**Resolution of The Board of Supervisors of The County Of Sonoma, State of California,  
Proclaiming a Local Emergency Due to Drought Conditions in the Sonoma County  
Operational Area and Requesting that the Governor Seek a Presidential Disaster  
Declaration**

**WHEREAS**, the State of California, and the Russian River Watershed in particular, is in the second consecutive year of extremely dry conditions due to historically low rainfall totals ; and

**WHEREAS**, to date in the region, rainfall totals for the current water year are merely 38 percent of average for Santa Rosa, and 39 percent for Ukiah; and

**WHEREAS**, Lake Mendocino's water supply storage capacity is currently 43 percent, with a significant threat of going dry this year or being so low that releases cannot be made, and Lake Sonoma's water supply capacity is currently 62 percent, the lowest on record for this time of year; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 5, 2021, the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture designated 50 California counties, including Sonoma County, as primary natural disaster areas due to drought; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 21, 2021, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a state of emergency exists in Sonoma County due to extreme drought conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the adverse environmental, economic, health, welfare and social impacts of the drought pose an imminent threat of disaster and threaten to cause widespread potential harm to people, businesses, agriculture, property, communities, the environment, wildlife and recreation in the County of Sonoma; and

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**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California, as follows:

**IT IS PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED**, pursuant to Government Code sections 8558 and 8630 and Chapter 10 of the Sonoma County Code, that a local emergency exists throughout the County of Sonoma because of drought conditions since April 21, 2021; and

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED**, that during the existence of said Local Emergency, the powers, functions and duties of the Director of Emergency Services shall be those prescribed by state law and the ordinances, resolutions, and approved plan of the County of Sonoma in order to mitigate the effects of said Local Emergency; and

**IT IS REQUESTED** that the Governor of the State of California waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts, make available California Disaster Assistance Act funding for the State of Emergency proclaimed on April 21, 2021, and seek all available forms of Federal disaster assistance and relief programs, including a Presidential Declaration of Disaster; and

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED**, that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the State Director of the Office of Emergency Services and all State and Federal legislators representing the County of Sonoma.

**Supervisors:**

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Ayes:	Noes:	Absent:	Abstain:	

**So Ordered.**