

## **RESOLUTION NO. 12-2021-792**

### **A Resolution of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District Board of Directors Setting Forth Its Commitment to Manage and Conserve Water To Address Worsening Drought and Water Supply Conditions**

WHEREAS, the San Gabriel Valley is situated in Southern California, possessing a dry environment and climate characterized by weather extremes, including recurring drought, periods of intense precipitation and flooding, high heat and wildfires, and a healthy economy resulting in economic and population growth as well as sustained water demand;

WHEREAS, approximately 80% of the water used in the San Gabriel Valley is sourced from local groundwater wells and other local supplies, with the remaining 20% comprised of imported water;

WHEREAS, California recently concluded the second driest year on record and in October 2021 Governor Gavin Newsom extended the Drought Emergency statewide and in July 2021 issued an Executive Order (N-10-21) calling for urban residents to voluntarily cut water consumption by 15%;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Drought Monitor indicates 100% of the State is experiencing moderate drought, 92% of the State is experiencing severe drought, 80% of the State is experiencing extreme drought, and year-to-date precipitation records reveal year-to-date rainfall totals below normal;

WHEREAS, Main San Gabriel Basin and Raymond Basin groundwater supplies have been declining consistently for several years and the Baldwin Park Key Well indicates in November 2021 that groundwater levels in the Main San Gabriel Basin are 183.3 feet above mean sea level which is below Watermaster's recommended operating range of 200-250 feet above mean sea level for that basin;

WHEREAS, the California Department of Water Resources indicates as of October 31, 2021, the State's largest reservoirs were near record lows and statewide reservoir storage levels were 66% of average and 35% of capacity;

WHEREAS, State Water Project deliveries were reduced from 10 percent to 5 percent of established allocations in March 2021 and initial State Water Project allocation for 2022 is zero;

WHEREAS, the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (District) provides a variety of water conservation solutions, including infrastructure loans and grants to member cities, water conservation rebates and grants for residents and businesses, public information materials and media, and school and youth conservation and education programs; and

WHEREAS, in 2021 the District's four member cities (Alhambra, Azusa, Monterey Park and Sierra Madre) and the District adopted Urban Water Management Plans and Water Shortage Contingency Plans to prudently plan for dry conditions and shortages within their respective service areas;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District commends the Valley's water management practices and lauds the Valley's and its member cities' commitment to water conservation which, together, have prevented local groundwater supplies from reaching historic low levels much sooner;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, because the current drought is worsening, drought is "normal" and will recur, and California has not yet mandated water use restrictions, the San Gabriel Valley

Municipal Water District calls upon all residents, businesses and government entities to commit to work together to implement water management best practices and to achieve the highest levels of voluntary water conservation.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District held on December 13, 2021.

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President

ATTEST:

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Secretary

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