

1 WHEREAS, the State of California and the San Gabriel Valley continued to experience drought
2 conditions with fiscal year 2013-14 being the driest year on record in the San Gabriel Valley; and

3 WHEREAS, effective January 17, 2014, Governor Edmond G. Brown, Jr. declared a statewide
4 state of emergency due to drought conditions, and in Executive Order B-29-15 required a 25 percent
5 mandatory reduction in water demands from the 2013 levels; and

6 WHEREAS, in response to the Governor's Drought Declaration, Watermaster adopted
7 Resolution No. 03-14-260 re-emphasizing the critical water supply shortage and strongly encouraging
8 Producers to implement measures to promote a 20 percent reduction in water demands; and

9 WHEREAS, Producers within the Main San Gabriel Basin collectively responded to both the
10 Watermaster Resolution and the Governor's Drought Declaration by reducing local production from
11 about 240,500 acre-feet during fiscal year 2013-14 to about 182,800 acre-feet during fiscal year 2015-
12 16; however, production during fiscal year 2017-18 had increased to about 209,500 acre-feet; and

13 WHEREAS, court-mandated cutbacks on water deliveries from the State Water Project (SWP)
14 have greatly reduced the amount of imported water available to Southern California; and

15 WHEREAS, the Watermaster depends on imported water from Northern California through the
16 SWP, and the Colorado River, to augment local water supplies; and

17 WHEREAS, there can be significant differences in hydrology and water supply conditions
18 between Northern and Southern California. For example, during fiscal year 2016-17 Northern
19 California experienced record high precipitation resulting in a SWP allocation of 85 percent.
20 However, in the San Gabriel Valley, precipitation was about 21 inches, representing only about 110
21 percent of long-term average. Furthermore, local stormwater runoff and replenishment were only
22 about 90 percent of average; and

23 WHEREAS on April 7, 2017, Governor Brown declared the drought in the State of California
24 over. The Governor's state-wide declaration was not representative of rainfall and groundwater
25 replenishment conditions in the San Gabriel Valley, served by the Main San Gabriel Basin. This

1 action prompted a return to higher water consumer demands, despite diminished groundwater supply
2 from several years of below average rainfall locally; and

3 WHEREAS with the new powers granted by the 2012 Main San Gabriel Basin Judgment
4 amendments, Watermaster and Producers jointly developed a Water Resources Development
5 Assessment (RDA) to create a 100,000-acre-foot reserve of untreated imported water, to be stored in
6 the Main San Gabriel Basin over a 10-year period, in the event of a water supply emergency on the
7 statewide imported water delivery infrastructure. The RDA assessment was levied on fiscal years
8 2014-15 and 2015-16 production; and

9 WHEREAS, in response to the lack of stormwater runoff and replenishment due to the drought
10 conditions over the past 20 years, Watermaster and the Producers cooperatively developed and
11 implemented the Stormwater Augmentation Program to enhance the RDA. This tiered approach to the
12 assessment was levied on fiscal year 2016-17 production and is planned to be fully implemented on
13 fiscal year 2020-21 production; and

14 WHEREAS, over the past 20 years, southern California rate payers have invested more than
15 \$15 billion in regional storage, infrastructure improvements, local resources and water use efficiency
16 programs that are now serving to sustain supplies during this historic dry period; and

17 WHEREAS, the cities and water agencies serving the San Gabriel Valley's population of more
18 than 1-million people have done an outstanding job working together to develop water-management
19 strategies and implement comprehensive water use efficiency programs to help ensure a reliable
20 supply of high-quality water to meet countywide demand and health and safety regulations; and

21 WHEREAS, reducing water consumption through conservation is an effective method of
22 reducing overall water demands on the Basin, thereby helping to sustain water levels to minimize
23 overdraft of the Basin; and

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1 WHEREAS, in order to comply with AB 1668 and SB 606 establishing requirements for
2 gallons per day per capita regulations;

3 WHEREAS, increasing and applying efficient water use habits today is the responsible thing to
4 do and will help ensure the San Gabriel Valley has enough water to maintain its quality of life and
5 thriving economy;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN
7 WATERMASTER AS FOLLOWS:

- 8 1) All Basin Producers are hereby alerted to, and reminded of, the long-term critical water
9 supply shortage in California, and particularly, in the San Gabriel Valley.
- 10 2) All Producers are hereby strongly encouraged to implement measures to promote water
11 conservation in order to achieve a reduction to their respective fiscal year 2015-16
12 production levels.
- 13 3) This Resolution shall be sent to all Basin Producers and shall remain in effect until such
14 time as Watermaster determines the water levels in the Basin can be sustained without
15 extraordinary conservation measures.

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18 Adopted this 6 day of march, 2019

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21 Secretary

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Chairman