

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION BY THE YOLO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DECLARING A
LEVEL 3 DROUGHT RESPONSE WITHIN THE WILD WINGS COUNTY SERVICE
AREA**

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2021, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a state of emergency in 41 counties in the State, including Yolo County, due to current drought conditions in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Watershed; and

WHEREAS, the Governor’s proclamation also noted that extreme drought conditions through much of the State present urgent challenges, including the risk of water shortages in communities, greatly increased wildfire activity, diminished water for agricultural production, threat of saltwater contamination of large fresh water supplies conveyed through the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, and additional water scarcity if drought conditions continue into next year; and

WHEREAS, the Governor issued a subsequent emergency declaration on July 8, 2021, expanding the drought emergency to 50 of the State’s 58 counties and issued Executive Order N-10-21, which calls upon all Californians to voluntarily reduce their water usage by 15 percent from their 2020 levels; and

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2021, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 21-98 proclaiming a drought emergency in Yolo County because of the extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of Yolo County caused by the current drought; and

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2021, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors also adopted Resolution No. 21-99 urging a voluntary 25% reduction in water use within the Wild Wings County Service Area (CSA) due to groundwater and well conditions; and

WHEREAS, due to the ongoing drought conditions, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) has also moved to further reduce “wasteful and unreasonable water uses” as defined by the State during the drought, by enacting emergency regulations with the adoption of SWRCB Resolution No. 2022-0002 on January 4, 2022 to implement supplemental water conservation measures; and

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2022, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-7-22 emphasizing the ongoing drought and calling for greater conservation efforts due to the record-breaking dry period in January and February 2022 and the absence of significant rains in March; and

WHEREAS, the primary well serving the Wild Wings CSA, the Pintail well, has a static water level of approximately 177 feet today and it is declining 5 feet per week limited number of months of water available until the Pintail well faces shutoff as of recent water level data and current water consumption; and

WHEREAS, the voluntary conservation measures have resulted an average of 20% conservation but additional conservation to achieve a 30% reduction in water use as compared to 2020 levels is necessary to try and ensure that the Pintail well does not go dry during higher usage summer months; and

WHEREAS, on September 14, 2021, the Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 1540 pursuant to Water Code section 375, establishing a drought conservation program that includes the Wild Wings CSA and authorizes the Board of Supervisors to declare a drought response level.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND PROCLAIMED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Yolo that:

1. The foregoing Recitals are true and correct and are hereby incorporated into this Resolution as though fully set forth herein.
2. The Board of Supervisors hereby declares a **Level 3** Drought Response in the Wild Wings CSA pursuant to Yolo County Code Section 6-8.1104 to achieve a 30% reduction in water use. The Level 3 Drought Response includes the following mandatory water conservation measures:
 - a. No watering of outdoor landscapes in a manner that causes more than incidental runoff such as minimal overspray from sprinklers that escapes the area of intended use.
 - b. No landscape watering between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. except with a hand-held container or hose with a shut-off nozzle, or for very short periods when adjusting a sprinkler system. Low volume irrigation systems (such as drip irrigation, soaker hoses and micro-irrigation) are exempt from this restriction.
 - c. No irrigation of turf and/or ornamental landscapes during and within 48 hours after measurable rainfall of ¼ inch or more.
 - d. Water a maximum of 12 minutes per station.
 - e. Limit landscape irrigation to no more than two assigned days per week:
 - Odd numbered addresses: Tuesday, Saturday
 - Even numbered addresses: Wednesday, Sunday
 - f. New or expanded landscaping is limited to drought tolerant trees, shrubs, and ground cover. The installation of new turf or hydroseed is prohibited.
 - g. Filling or re-filling ornamental water features, lakes, or ponds with potable water is prohibited, except to the extent needed to sustain aquatic life, provided that such animals are of significant value.
 - h. Water leaks must be repaired within forty-eight (48) hours of notification by the County unless other arrangements are made with the Director of Community Services.
 - i. No irrigation of turf on public street medians or publicly owned and maintained landscaped areas with potable water between the street and sidewalk, unless an exception in Yolo County Code Section 6-8.1102(a)(5) applies.

- j. Eating or drinking establishments shall only serve drinking water upon patron request.
- k. Restaurants are required to use a pre-rinse spray valve when washing dishes.
- l. Potable water shall not be applied directly to driveways, sidewalks, buildings, structures, patios, parking lots, or other hard surfaced areas unless required for health and safety purposes.
- m. For landscaped areas, including trees and shrubs located on residential and commercial properties, not irrigated by a landscape irrigation system, water by using a bucket, hand-held hose with positive shut-off nozzle, or low-volume non-spray irrigation.
- n. Stop washing vehicles except at commercial carwashes that re-circulate water, or by high pressure/low volume wash systems.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors this 12th day of April 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTENTION:

Angel Barajas, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors

Attest:
Julie Dachtler, Senior Deputy Clerk

Approved as to Form:
Philip J. Pogledich, County Counsel

By: _____
Deputy (Seal)

By: 

Kimberly Hood, Assistant County Counsel