PROCLAMATION OF CONTINUATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY OF FRESNO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF THE)

2016 DROUGHT CONDITIONS)   RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, a local emergency presently exists in the County of Fresno in accordance with the proclamation thereof by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno on the 24th day of March, 2015 as a result of a crippling disaster, which severely impaired public health and public safety, created by conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property which have arisen within said County caused by a statewide drought commencing in 2012; and

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2014, the Governor proclaimed a statewide emergency due to unprecedented drought conditions in the State of California; and

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2014 the Fresno County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution in support of the Governor's proclamation; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2015, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors proclaimed the existence of a local emergency and requested the Governor of California make available any and all State assistance programs and seek additional Federal assistance programs to provide relief to the individuals, growers, businesses, public agencies and private agencies that were harmed by this disaster; as a result of local resources being inadequate to cope with the effects of said emergency; and the combined forces of the other political subdivisions of the State were required to assist the County to combat the effects of said emergency; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2015 the Fresno County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution continuing and amending their proclamation of a local emergency and resolved that the Governor be requested to take the following actions:

To direct the State Water Board to take action making changes in Delta water operations necessary to provide additional water supplies for urban and agricultural users; and

1   To meet and confer with the U.S. Department of the Interior and U.S. Department of

2 Commerce to exercise the greatest possible flexibility in biological opinions regulating operations

3 affecting endangered species under the federal Endangered Species Act; and

4   To be supportive of Congressional legislative efforts being undertaken by Senator Feinstein

5 to enact federal drought legislation that would benefit water supply availability in Fresno County and

6 the San Joaquin Valley; and

7   To notify the Fresno County Board of Supervisors of any and all actions, orders, negotiations

8 and discussions undertaken on behalf of advancing the points enumerated above; and

9   WHEREAS, on the 19th day of September, 2014, the Governor issued Executive Order

10 (EO) B-26-14 authorizing the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) to provide

11 California Disaster Assistance Act funding, as deemed appropriate, for local government

12 assistance to provide emergency water supplies to households without water for drinking and

13 sanitation purposes: and

14   WHEREAS, said emergency has continued and escalated in cumulated impact on this

15 County; and

16   WHEREAS, local and statewide resources continue to be inadequate to cope with the

17 effects of said emergency;

18   NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED by the Board of Supervisors of the

19 County of Fresno, State of California, that said local emergency continues to exist in the County of

20 Fresno; and

21   IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Director of the

22 State Office of Emergency Services.

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THE FOREGOING was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 13th day of December, 2016, to-wit:

AYES: Supervisors Borgeas, Mendes, Pacheco, Perea, Poochigian

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

CHAIRMAN, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

BERNICE E. SEIDEL
Clerk, Board of Supervisors

By _Susan Bishop_

Deputy

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