## BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF FRESNO STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 25-072

Resolution Declaring Water Conservation Stage in County Service Area No. 39 Zones

A & B for the 2025-2026 Water Year (Ord. Code, § 14.01.060)

WHEREAS, under Fresno County Ordinance Code (Ordinance Code) section 14.01.040, the Director of Public Works and Planning (Director) has presented to this Board, and this Board has received, an annual water conservation report (Report) covering all of the County Service Areas, County Service Area Zones, and County Waterworks Districts whose governing body is this Board where the County supplies water for human consumption (Districts), including County Service Area No. 39 Zones A and B (CSA 39AB); and

WHEREAS, the Report is based on all relevant information reasonably available to the Director regarding water demand and availability during the 2025-2026 water year (April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026) in each of the Districts, including CSA 39AB; and

WHEREAS, the Report includes a statement of whether and to what extent the Director anticipates limits on the availability of water resources or the ability of the County to supply water for human consumption, sanitation, and fire protection during the 2025-2026 water year in CSA 39AB; and

WHEREAS, the Report includes a recommendation regarding the duration of the conservation period in CSA 39AB, namely the 2025-2026 water year, a recommendation regarding the appropriate water conservation stage for CSA 39AB during that period, and a proposed resolution declaring the water conservation stage for CSA 39AB during that period; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the Report is on file with the Clerk of this Board; and WHEREAS, on January 3, 2025, under Ordinance Code section 14.01.040, the Director caused a draft of the Report, along with instructions for submitting comments by January 23, 2025, to

WHEREAS, the Director caused notice of the time and place of a public hearing and the details of the recommendation for CSA 39AB identified in the Report to be sent by United States Postal

be emailed to all Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) members for CSA 39AB; and

Service first-class mail on February 7, 2025, in accordance with Ordinance Code section 14.01.050(B), to each record owner of property (including their tenants of record) in CSA 39AB as shown on the last equalized assessment roll, and notice of the time and place of the public hearing was published in the Fresno Bee on March 4, 2025, as required by Ordinance Code section 14.01.050(A) and California Water Code section 352; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on March 11, 2025, before this Board, at which time there was opportunity for all interested persons to protest the declaration of a water conservation stage, and to present their respective needs and any other relevant information to the Board, as provided in Ordinance Code section 14.01.060 and California Water Code section 351; and

WHEREAS, this Board has considered the Report and all of the testimony and other information presented at the public hearing as to CSA 39AB; and

WHEREAS, during the period from April 1, 2025 through October 31, 2025, limits on the availability of water resources or the ability of CSA 39AB to supply water for human consumption are not expected to exceed the normal limits such that the ordinary demands and requirements of water consumers within CSA 39AB would not be satisfied without depleting the water supply for CSA 39AB to the extent that there would be a severe shortfall in the supply of water available for human consumption, sanitation, and fire protection within CSA 39AB; however, because the City of Fresno, which supplies water for CSA 39AB, has limited outdoor watering by its water users during the herein referenced timeframe, Water Conservation Stage One (Significant Water Shortage Emergency Condition) is appropriate; and

WHEREAS, during the period from November 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026, limits on the availability of water resources or the ability of CSA 39AB to supply water for human consumption are not expected to exceed the normal limits such that the ordinary demands and requirements of water consumers within CSA 39AB would not be satisfied without depleting the water supply for CSA 39AB to the extent that there would be a severe shortfall in the supply of water available for human consumption, sanitation, and fire protection within CSA 39AB; however, because the City of Fresno, which supplies water for CSA 39AB, has limited outdoor watering by its water users to one day per

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week during the herein referenced timeframe, Water Conservation Stage Three (Critical Water Shortage Emergency Condition) is appropriate.

## Therefore, be it resolved:

- 1. This Board finds that all of the recitals above are true and correct.
- 2. Based on the Report and all of the testimony and other information presented at the public hearing as to CSA 39AB, this Board finds that declaring Water Conservation Stage One (Significant Water Shortage Emergency Condition) (Ordinance Code section14.01.090) in CSA 39AB for the dates of April 1, 2025 through October 31, 2025 of the 2025-2026 water year (April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026) will conserve the water supply to CSA 39AB for the greatest public benefit for that period, with particular regard to domestic use, sanitation, and fire protection, and will comply with the restrictions imposed by the City of Fresno.
- 3. Based on the Report and all of the testimony and other information presented at the public hearing as to CSA 39AB, this Board finds that declaring Water Conservation Stage Three (Critical Water Shortage Emergency Condition) (Ordinance Code section 14.01.100) in CSA 39AB for the dates of November 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026, of the 2025–2026 water year (April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026) will conserve the water supply to CSA 39AB for the greatest public benefit for that period, with particular regard to domestic use, sanitation, and fire protection, and will comply with the restrictions imposed by the City of Fresno.
- 4. The regulations for Water Conservation Stage One (Significant Water Shortage Emergency Condition), under Ordinance Code section 14.01.090, shall be in effect in CSA 39AB from April 1, 2025 through October 31, 2025.
- 5. The regulations for Water Conservation Stage Three (Critical Water Shortage Emergency Condition), under Ordinance Code section 14.01.100, shall be in effect in CSA 39AB from November 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026.
- 6. The Director is authorized and directed to send by United States Postal Service firstclass mail, postage prepaid, to all property owners (including their tenants of record) in CSA 39AB, as shown on the last equalized assessment roll, a copy of the regulations imposed under this resolution, Ordinance Code sections 14.01.090 and 14.01.100, and California Water Code section 353.

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2	THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors
3	of the County of Fresno this11 <sup>th</sup> _ day of, 2025, to wit:
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5	AYES: Supervisors Bredefeld, Chavez, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco
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7	ABSENT: None
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12	Ernest Buddy Mendes, Chairman of the Board
13	of Supervisors of the County of Fresno
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15	ATTEST:
16	Bernice E. Seidel
17	Clerk of the Board of Supervisors County of Fresno, State of California
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