

RESOLUTION NO. 4-09-902

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
ESTABLISHING A WATER SHORTAGE ALLOCATION
PLAN FOR CONSERVATION PURPOSES**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT as follows:

WHEREAS, the State of California is now in its third consecutive year of drought, with the annual rainfall and the water content in the Sierra Nevada Snowpack being significantly below the amounts needed to fill California's storage reservoir system; and

WHEREAS, local rainfall levels for the 2008-2009 water year are 66% of average as of the April 1, 2009, measurement; and

WHEREAS, storage in the State's reservoir system is at below normal levels; and

WHEREAS, recent legal decisions issued to protect delta smelt and other species have further reduced water supplies available for delivery from the State Water Project; and

WHEREAS, Governor Schwarzenegger issued water emergency proclamations on June 12, 2008, and February 27, 2009, both ordering his administration begin taking action to address the water shortage; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Water Resources' allocation of State Water Project water available to Southern California State Water Contractors is only 20% of the contracted supply amount; and

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2009, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California declared that a regional shortage exists and implemented its Water Supply Allocation Plan at a Regional Shortage Level 2, including allocation penalty rates for water use in excess of a member agency's annual allocation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

1. The West Basin Municipal Water District Board of Directors declare that there currently is a regional water shortage in the West Basin service area; and
2. The West Basin Water Shortage Allocation Plan, adopted by the West Basin Board on October 27, 2008 shall be implemented by the District's General Manager, effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, at Level 2 – the level equivalent to the Regional Shortage Level declared by the Metropolitan Water District; and
3. The West Basin Municipal Water District General Manager is hereby authorized and directed to take all necessary action to implement the West Basin Water Shortage Allocation Plan, consistent with its terms.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on _____, 2009.

President

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the West Basin Municipal Water District at its meeting held on April ____, 2009.

ATTEST:

Secretary

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