

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**ITEM: 3.4**  
(ID # 20276)

**MEETING DATE:**  
Tuesday, November 01, 2022

**FROM :** EXECUTIVE OFFICE:

**SUBJECT:** EXECUTIVE OFFICE: Adopt Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 2022-212 to Join the Solve the Water Crisis Education Effort as a Supporter, to Raise Awareness Regarding the Ongoing Water Supply Crisis, Urging the State to Develop and Implement Long-Term, Comprehensive Solutions to Address the Crisis. All Districts. [\$0]

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 2022-212 to Join the Solve the Water Crisis Education Effort as a Supporter, to Raise Awareness Regarding the Ongoing Water Supply Crisis, Urging the State to Develop and Implement Long-Term, Comprehensive Solutions to Address the Crisis; and
2. Direct Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Solve the Water Crisis Coalition.

**ACTION:Policy**

Juan C. Perez, Chief Operating Officer 10/27/2022

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Spiegel, seconded by Supervisor Perez and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Hewitt, and Perez  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: November 1, 2022  
xc: E.O., Coalition

Kecia R. Harper  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A</b>			<b>Budget Adjustment: N/A</b>	
			<b>For Fiscal Year: N/A</b>	

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

Drought is a recurring feature of California’s Mediterranean climate. Recently, the state experienced the 5-year drought event of 2012; however, other notable historical droughts occurred in 2007, the late 1980s, late 1970s, with off-and-on dry conditions also occurring during the 1920s and 1930s. 2022 marks California’s third successive dry year; taken together with the generally dry conditions of the last twenty years, this has resulted in over 97% of the state’s land area, including Riverside County, being categorized in severe drought status.

Water agencies across the state are taking extraordinary conservation and waste prevention measures to manage demands, preserve remaining supplies of water, and ensure sufficient water is available for critical residential, municipal, commercial, and industrial water needs. However, the State’s current water infrastructure is unable to meet the needs of its forty million residents due to system constraints, inadequacy, and increasing regulatory limitations. The State’s current water system requires extraordinary investment and operational changes to provide sufficient water supplies for today, and the future generations of Californians. Although the state has outlined a variety of concepts to transform its water supply system, it is critical that adequate funding and necessary approvals be provided to address the water supply crisis.

The statewide Solve the Water Crisis Coalition is comprised of water districts, and supported by various municipalities, associations, and councils of governments, with the goals of raising awareness among California policymakers, and demonstrating the water supply crisis and the urgency that requires bold and immediate State action to secure California’s future. By adoption of Resolution No. 2022-212 today, the County’s Board of Supervisors would join the Solve the Water Crisis education effort as a supporter to assist in raising awareness at the state level and facilitating development and implementation of long term, comprehensive solutions to address the state water crisis.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

As the fastest growing County in California, Riverside County will continue to grow and meet state housing goals. To meet these housing needs, the County must support initiatives that increase access to resources, especially water. Supporting educational efforts to urge the State of California and federal government to develop legislation, regulations, and comprehensive

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finance mechanisms to fund major changes to its water system, could facilitate provision of more reliable water supplies for current and future needs.

**Supplemental Fiscal Information**

This amendment is anticipated to have no fiscal impact to the County.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 2022-212 to Join the Solve the Water Crisis Education Effort as a Supporter, to Raise Awareness Regarding the Ongoing Water Supply Crisis, Urging the State to Develop and Implement Long-Term, Comprehensive Solutions to Address the Crisis

  
Rania Odenbaugh, Director of Constituent Services 10/26/2022

  
Aaron Gettis, Deputy County Counsel 10/25/2022

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3 RESOLUTION NO. 2022-212

4 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE  
5 TO JOIN SOLVE THE WATER CRISIS EDUCATION EFFORT AS A SUPPORTER TO RAISE  
6 AWARENESS REGARDING THE ONGOING WATER SUPPLY CRISIS, URGING THE STATE  
7 TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT LONG-TERM, COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTIONS  
8 TO ADDRESS THE CRISIS

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10 WHEREAS, the State of California is facing changing climate conditions and is in the third  
11 year of drought that the U.S. Drought Monitor has determined that more than 97% of the state’s land area  
12 is in at least “severe” drought status, 60% in at least “extreme” drought and 12% in “exceptional” drought;  
13 and,

14 WHEREAS, the current drought is part of a recurring event that follows a five-year drought  
15 in 2012-2016 and a three-year drought in 2007-09, resulting in water shortage problems that are  
16 progressively causing more environmental, health and safety, and lifestyle problems for California  
17 communities; and,

18 WHEREAS, every water agency is taking extraordinary conservation and waste prevention  
19 measures to manage demands, preserve remaining supplies of water, and ensure sufficient water is available  
20 for critical residential, municipal, commercial, and industrial water needs; and,

21 WHEREAS, the State’s current water infrastructure, designed to meet the needs of a  
22 population of nineteen million residents, is unable to meet the needs of forty million residents due to the  
23 inadequacy of the system, constrained infrastructure, and increasing regulatory limitations; and

24 WHEREAS, the State’s current water system requires extraordinary investment and  
25 operational changes to provide sufficient water supplies for today and the future generations of Californians.  
26 Incremental measures are no longer enough, the health and welfare of the residents, economic growth, and  
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FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL  
BY Caroline K. Monroy 10-25-22  
DATE  
CAROLINE K. MONROY

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2 necessary; and

3 WHEREAS, although the state has outlined a variety of concepts to transform the water  
4 supply system, it is critical for the state to provide the funding and approvals that are necessary to address  
5 the water supply crisis; and

6 WHEREAS, the statewide Solve the Water Crisis Coalition is comprised of water districts,  
7 and supported by various municipalities, associations and councils of governments, with the goals of raising  
8 awareness among California policymakers and thought leaders, and demonstrating the water supply crisis  
9 and the urgency that requires bold and immediate State action to secure California's future.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED by the Board  
11 of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, in regular session assembled on November 1, 2022, at 9:30 am  
12 or soon thereafter in the meeting room of the Board of Supervisors located on the 1st floor of the County  
13 Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California, as follows:

14 Section 1. The County of Riverside joins the statewide Solve the Water Crisis coalition, to  
15 support the education effort to urge the State of California to develop legislation and regulations that will  
16 authorize and finance major changes to the water system, providing a sufficient and reliable water supply  
17 for current and future needs, allowing the state to adapt to climate change and future drought conditions.

18 Section 2. The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside shall transmit  
19 a certified copy of this resolution to the Solve the Water Crisis Coalition.

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20 ROLL CALL:

21 Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt  
22 Nays: None  
23 Absent: None

24 The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by said Board of Supervisors on the  
25 date therein set forth.

26 KECIA R. HARPER, Clerk of said Board

27 By:   
28 Deputy