

RESOLUTION NO. 3858-2015

RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL DECLARING A LOCAL DROUGHT EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF FORT BRAGG

WHEREAS, California Government Code section 8630 empowers the Fort Bragg City Council to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the City is threatened or likely to be threatened by the conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property that are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of this City; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code section 8558(c) states that a "local emergency" means the duly proclaimed existence of conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of the City, include conditions caused by the drought; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Bragg continues to experience the effects of the multi-year drought and the City's three municipal water sources have steadily declined; and

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2015, the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg adopted Resolution No. 3837-2015 declaring a Stage 1 Water Emergency and calling for immediate implementation of water conservation measures; and

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2015, the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg conducted an emergency meeting at which the Fort Bragg City Manager reported that the City's Noyo River diversion is not reliably providing water due to low flows and high salinity content, thus critically impairing the City's ability to replenish water;

WHEREAS, based on the aforementioned circumstances, the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg passed and adopted Resolution No. 3856-2015, by which it declared a Stage 3 Water Emergency and instituted mandatory water conservation measures that are intended to reduce water use by 30% from the same period in the previous year as described in Title 14, Section 14.06 of the City of Fort Bragg Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, at a regular meeting on October 13, 2015, the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg adopted Resolution No. 3858-2015, by which it reaffirmed Resolution No. 3856-2015 and its declaration of a Stage 3 water emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Bragg expects that it may experience a daily water supply deficit of 100,000 gallons per day within the next two weeks and that such conditions may persist until the winter rains recharge the surface water flows in the Noyo River; and

WHEREAS, a water supply deficit of this magnitude would render the City of Fort Bragg's municipal water distribution system incapable of maintaining adequate fire flows and service to water customers; and

WHEREAS, responding to these conditions is likely to be beyond the services, equipment, personnel and fiscal resources of the City of Fort Bragg.

WHEREAS, the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND PROCLAIMED by the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg that for reasons set forth herein, a local drought emergency now exists in the City of Fort Bragg; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg, State of California, proclaims its termination and the City Council will review the need for continuing the local drought emergency at least once every 30 days until the City Council terminates the local drought emergency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this emergency proclamation shall be forwarded to the Director of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services and the Governor of the State of California, as well as the Mendocino County Office of Emergency Services.

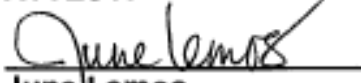
The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Councilmember Hammerstrom, seconded by Councilmember Peters, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 13th day of October 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Peters, Cimolino, Deitz, Hammerstrom, and Mayor Turner.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAIN: None.



DAVE TURNER,
Mayor

ATTEST:



June Lemos
City Clerk