

## **RESOLUTION NO. 4310-2020**

### **RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL DOWNGRADING THE WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES FROM STAGE 2 TO STAGE 1**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council at its August 10, 2020 meeting adopted a resolution recommending and encouraging voluntary implementation of Stage 1 water conservation measures; and

**WHEREAS**, the water flow in the Noyo River had declined more quickly during the summer than prior years and was approaching 2.0 cubic feet per second (cfs) and was nearing 1.0 cfs; and

**WHEREAS**, historically, in the months of August, September and October, the Noyo River experiences multiple high tides over six feet. These tides during periods of low flow levels on the Noyo River increase salinity content and shorten pump run times, impairing the City's ability to replenish water supply from the Noyo River; and

**WHEREAS**, the water flow in the Noyo River continued its downward trend in August and dropped to 0.90 cfs on August 21, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council at its August 31, 2020 meeting adopted a Resolution implementing Stage 2 water conservation measures which target a 20% decrease in water usage; and

**WHEREAS**, the conservation efforts by our customers have reduced demand on our water supply; and

**WHEREAS**, the current weather has provided cooling that decreased water uptake by plants therefore increasing flow to the Noyo River to 1.86 cfs; and

**WHEREAS**, the high tides in October will draw down a portion of our reserves. Remaining water in the reservoir will allow for an extended drought through November if required; and

**WHEREAS**, based on all the evidence presented, the City Council finds as follows:

1. Conservation efforts have been successful in reducing raw water demand and the Noyo River flows have increased providing greater capacity.
2. Downgrading our current Stage 2 water conservation measures to Stage 1 is appropriate considering current conditions.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg does hereby downgrade the Water Emergency from Stage 2 water conservation measures to Stage 1 water conservation measures pursuant to Chapter 14.06 of the Fort Bragg Municipal Code.

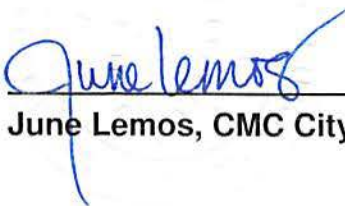
**The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Councilmember Norvell, seconded by Councilmember Morsell-Haye, and passed and adopted at a regular**

meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020, by the following vote:

- AYES: Councilmembers Albin-Smith, Morsell-Haye, Norvell, Peters and Mayor Lee.
- NOES: None.
- ABSENT: None.
- ABSTAIN: None.
- RECUSED: None.

  
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WILLIAM V. LEE  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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June Lemos, CMC City Clerk