

RESOLUTION NO. 14-_____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF GROVER BEACH ENDORSING THE
LOW RESERVOIR RESPONSE PLAN FOR THE
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT ZONE 3**

WHEREAS, the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) constructed, owns and operates Lopez Dam and Reservoir, the Lopez Water Treatment Facilities, and the Lopez Water Conveyance System; and

WHEREAS, said facilities are owned and operated by the District on behalf of the District's "Zone 3," which is also known as the Lopez Water Supply System; and

WHEREAS, the District has Agreements with the Cities of Arroyo Grande, Grover Beach and Pismo Beach, the Oceano Community Services District, and San Luis Obispo County Service Area No. 12 (collectively known as the Zone 3 Member Agencies) for delivery of potable water from the Lopez Water Supply to Zone 3 Member Agencies; and

WHEREAS, the District also releases water from Lopez Reservoir into Arroyo Grande Creek for the benefit of agriculture and other beneficiaries downstream of Lopez Dam, which are hereinafter referred to as "Downstream Releases," and

WHEREAS, the Agreements between the District and Zone 3 Member Agencies include numerous provisions establishing the rights and responsibilities of the District and the Zone 3 Member Agencies; and

WHEREAS, Article 4 of said Agreements provides that the District can curtail delivery of water to Zone 3 Member Agencies in situations including but not limited to drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, the District and the Zone 3 Member Agencies have prepared a Low Reservoir Response Plan (LRRP) for the purpose of providing greater certainty regarding the quantities of water that will be delivered to Zone 3 Member Agencies during droughts and other emergencies when less than 20,000 acre feet of water is stored in Lopez Lake; and

WHEREAS, the LRRP has been developed in consultation with the Zone 3 Advisory Committee and representatives of local agricultural operations; and

WHEREAS, the LRRP includes prescribed actions and an adaptive management approach that together will help to ensure that the needs of the Zone 3 Member Agencies and the beneficiaries of Downstream Releases are met during droughts and other emergencies; and

WHEREAS, during droughts and other emergencies, the LRRP provides incentives for water conservation by the Zone 3 Member Agencies by extending the period of time that the Zone 3 Member Agencies can use water that has been allocated to them in accordance with the Agreements and/or as provided in the LRRP; and

WHEREAS, during droughts and other emergencies, the LRRP considers the needs of agriculture and other downstream beneficiaries by prescribing a reduction in water that is allocated to Zone 3 Member Agencies by eliminating "Surplus Water" allocations to Zone 3 Member Agencies that, pursuant to the Agreements, would otherwise result from Downstream Releases; and

WHEREAS, the adaptive management approach in the LRRP provides the best mechanism to manage the Lopez Water Supply during droughts and other emergencies where conditions can change depending on hydrological and other conditions that persist during droughts and other emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines, and has found and determined that the project is exempt pursuant to Section 21169 and CEQA Guidelines, section 15261 in that the storage and annual release of water for various uses is part of the ongoing operation of the reservoir; and CEQA Section 21080 (b)(5) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(c) in that the project the adoption of the LRRP is a specific action necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency, and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest that the LRRP is adopted.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Grover Beach does hereby:

1. Endorse the Low Reservoir Response Plan for the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Zone 3
2. Direct Staff to file the Notice of Exemption (EXHIBIT A).

On motion by Council Member _____, seconded by Council Member _____ and on the following roll-call vote, to wit:

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| AYES: | Council Members - |
| NOES: | Council Members - |
| ABSENT: | Council Members - |
| ABSTAIN: | Council Members - |

the foregoing Resolution was **PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED** at a regular meeting by the City Council of the City of Grover Beach, California this 17th day of November, 2014.

Attest:

DEBBIE PETERSON, MAYOR

DONNA L. McMAHON, CITY CLERK