

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-9**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE**  
**PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT**  
**URGING HEIGHTENED WATER CONSERVATION BY CUSTOMERS IN**  
**RESPONSE TO DROUGHT**

**WHEREAS**, California is experiencing one of the most severe droughts on record; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2014 water year has been one of the driest in decades and follows two consecutive dry years throughout the State; and

**WHEREAS**, even after recent rain and snowfall, the state's major reservoirs remain well below average levels for the date, and the statewide snowpack is less than a third of normal with little time remaining to recover in 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, many areas of the State will face water shortages this year; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Water Project (Project) has announced an initial allocation of 5%, then zero, and then 5% again for its customers in 2014 making this year the lowest-ever allocations for its contractors, creating a real possibility that 25 million Californians and nearly a million acres of farmland will receive little water from the Project this year; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Brown declared a drought state of emergency on January 17, 2014 and called on all Californians to do their part to reduce their water use; and

**WHEREAS**, though local water supply conditions vary around the State, California is nevertheless in a statewide drought, and it is critical that all residents do what they can to use water wisely to maximize supplies and protect water reserves in case next year is dry too; and

**WHEREAS**, Palmdale Water District has made significant investments in local programs and projects to improve water supply reliability, including supplemental water supply contracts, local water storage projects, water conservation, water recycling and other strategies to stretch supplies, and will continue to do so; and

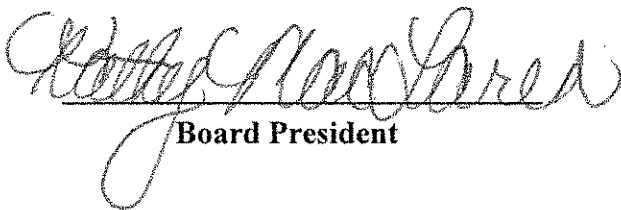
**WHEREAS**, Palmdale Water District customers have made significant progress in water use efficiency by exceeding a 26% reduction in water use compared to pre-2009 water use levels, therefore, exceeding the state required 20% reduction by the year 2020.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District recognizes that California is in a statewide drought, and there is a critical need for all Californians to use water wisely on an ongoing basis and heighten their conservation efforts now as the State continues to face drought conditions.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors thanks its customers for their ongoing water use efficiency efforts and asks that they re-double those efforts wherever possible this year in response to the drought.

**I certify that this is a true copy of Resolution No. 14-9 as passed by the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District at its meeting on May 14, 2014 in Palmdale, California.**

**Date: May 14, 2014**

  
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**Board President**

  
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**Board Secretary**