

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SAN BENITO COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY AS WATER AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, efficient use of water is critical to the State of California and to San Benito County; and

WHEREAS, water is a precious resource that requires significant amounts of money to develop, purchase, pump, treat, and deliver to consumers; and

WHEREAS, in our communities, appropriate wastewater treatment and recycling is a challenge that we are all working hard to meet; and

WHEREAS, water and wastewater service requires significant amount nonrenewable resources (energy, chemicals and utility materials)

WHEREAS, pre-1999 water softener equipment contributes significant amounts of salt to wastewater and to our groundwater and surface water; and

WHEREAS, home water use and wastewater production can be significantly reduced by finding and repairing leaks, replacing inefficient toilets, washing machines and water softeners, and adopting water conservation habits; and

WHEREAS, landscape irrigation makes up over half of water used at home – a percentage that can be significantly reduced by adjusting and monitoring irrigation systems and adopting efficient landscaping and gardening practices; and

WHEREAS, the Water Resources Association together with local governments and water agencies are working to provide residents with many cost-effective ways to lower water use and reduce the degradation of local water supplies from water softener salts; and

WHEREAS, during May 2006, the Water Resources Association is inviting everyone to find out about ways to save water both at work and at home;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District do proclaim May 2006 as Water Awareness Month and urge all citizens, businesses, industries, institutions and public agencies to review their water use and water systems and review their water softening equipment to eliminate waste and reduce salt use and to participate in local water conservation programs.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District held on the ____ day of March, 2006, by the following vote:

AYES: DIRECTORS:
NOES: DIRECTORS:
ABSENT: DIRECTORS:

JOHN TOBIAS
President

ATTEST: _____
MARIA E. ALFARO
Administrative Services Officer