

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-09

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

WHEREAS, to ensure an adequate supply of water for this and future generations through the enactment of wise water policy and the careful and efficient use of this resource; and

WHEREAS, water requires significant amounts of money to develop, purchase, pump, treat, and to deliver to consumers; and

WHEREAS, in our communities, appropriate wastewater treatment and disposal, including recycling, are challenges we are all working hard to meet; and

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

WHEREAS, pre-1999 water softener equipment contribute significant amount of salt to wastewater and degrade our water supply (groundwater and surface water), results in wastewater quality that exceeds regulatory limits; and

WHEREAS, the salt load to our community waste water systems can be greatly reduced by replacing pre-1999 water softener equipment to more efficient equipment or converting to off-site water softening service; 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 personal water conserving practices; and

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

WHEREAS, the San Benito County Water District together with local governments and water agencies is working to provide residents with cost-effective ways to lower water use and reduce the degradation of our water supply from water softener salts; and

WHEREAS, during May 2007, the San Benito County Water District is inviting everyone to find out 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 2007 as Water Awareness Month and urge all citizens, businesses, industries, institutions and public agencies to review their water use and water systems for water use efficiency and to participate in local water conservation programs for home surveys, toilet replacements and rebates, high efficiency washing machine rebates, water softener rebates, landscape programs to use water wisely and to contact their water supplier for water saving ideas and assistance.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District held on the 25th day of April, 2007, by the following vote:

AYES: DIRECTORS: Swanson, Bettencourt, Perry, Tobias, Flores
NOES: DIRECTORS: None
ABSENT: DIRECTORS: None

/s/Robert M. Swanson
ROBERT M. SWANSON
President

ATTEST: /s/Shelley Giancola
SHELLEY GIANCOLA
District Secretary