

**RESOLUTION NO. 2008-06**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
SAN BENITO COUNTY WATER DISTRICT, APPROVING INTERIM  
VOLUNTARY WATER CONSERVATION POLICIES FOR SMALL PARCEL AG  
AND M & I WATER USERS IN ZONE 6 DUE TO AN EXTREME WATER  
SHORTAGE CONDITION**

**RECITALS:**

- A. On January 25, 2008, the Bureau of Reclamation issued its preliminary 2008 Central Valley Project (CVP) water supply outlook for CVP contractors. The outlook and resulting forecast provide for significant reductions in available water supplies for agricultural and municipal and industrial CVP contractors. The reductions are the result of: 1) lack of adequate rainfall, 2) low CVP reservoir storage and, 3) a federal court ruling requiring that the Bureau implement interim court-ordered measures to provide additional protection for Delta smelt. Based upon the foregoing facts, there exists an extreme water shortage condition and water supply emergency.
- B. In such extreme water shortage years, it is critical that the District implement policies that provide for water conservation practices.
- C. On February 6, 2008, the District adopted Resolution # 2008-04 which established mandatory interim allocation procedures pertaining to water overuse including a regulatory overuse charge. The District now wishes to promote and encourage voluntary conservation of water during the term of the CVP water shortage.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE SAN BENITO COUNTY WATER DISTRICT (District) AS  
FOLLOWS:**

- 1. **Water Conservation Policy:** Because of the extreme CVP water shortage for water year 2008-2009 as declared by the District in Resolution #2008-04, it is the District's policy to encourage voluntary 25% water conservation by small parcel and M & I water users in Zone 6 of the District.
- 2. Accordingly, the District hereby requests that all small parcel and

M & I water users implement CVP water conservation practices. Suggested practices may include, but are not be limited to, those actions set forth in the attachment to this Resolution. If voluntary conservation practices are not producing the desired results during the water shortage, the District might consider imposition of compulsory conservation measures.

3. This Resolution and attachment shall be mailed to all small parcel and M & I water customers in Zone 6.
4. This Resolution shall be in effect for the 2008-2009 water year (March 1, 2008-February 28, 2009) unless earlier repealed by the District. In January 2009, the District shall determine whether the policies set forth herein should continue in effect.

The foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District held on February 27, 2008, by the following vote:

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

SAN BENITO COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

/s/Robert M. Swanson  
Robert M. Swanson  
President

ATTEST:

/s/Shelley Giancola  
Shelley Giancola  
District Secretary

**San Benito County Water District  
2008-09 Small Parcel AG and M & I  
Water Conservation Measures**

Due to a severe shortage of Central Valley Project water anticipated during the 2008-09 water year all San Benito County Water District Small Parcel and M & I water users are **requested** to participate in the following voluntary water conservation actions:

1. Water waste caused by correctable leaks, breaks or malfunctions should be corrected.
2. Water turf, lawns, gardens or ornamental landscaping before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m. of alternate days. If watering between these hours, it should be done by automatic controlled drip/micro or sprinkler irrigation or hand watering with trigger nozzles.
3. Avoid excessive water use which allows surplus to run to waste, including the use of water for washing buildings, structures, driveways, patios, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard surfaced areas, except in cases where health or safety are at risk.
4. All water users within the District should have low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators (2.5 gallons per minute), and all toilets that use 3.5 gallons per flush should have a one-gallon reduction device installed or retrofitted to Ultra Low-Flow toilets (1.6 gallons per flush).
5. Replace conventional top loading washing machines with front loading low volume washers.
6. Drinking water should be requested by the customer at restaurants, hotels, cafés, cafeterias or other public places where food is sold, served or offered for sale. Water should not be provided unless specifically requested by the customer.
7. Swimming pools or spas should not be drained or refilled except (a) to prevent or correct structural damage or (b) to comply with public health regulations.
8. Wash private vehicles using a trigger nozzle to reduce water use and runoff.
9. Fountains, ponds, lakes or other ornamental water uses should recycle water.
10. Unmetered hydrant water use should not be used by individuals, other than for fire suppression or utility system maintenance purposes.
11. Water should not be used for street or sidewalk cleaning.
12. The use of non-water alternative methods of dust control are encouraged.
13. Water should not be transported from the San Benito County Water District water system to any area outside of the county.