

**RESOLUTION NO. 2008-07**

**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, significant expenditures are required to develop, purchase, pump, treat, and to deliver water to consumers; and

WHEREAS, in our communities, appropriate, cost effective, 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 contributes significant amounts of salt to wastewater and degrades our water supply (groundwater and surface water), and results in wastewater quality that exceeds regulatory limits; and

WHEREAS, the salt load to our community waste water systems can be greatly reduced by demolishing or replacing pre-1999 water softener equipment to more efficient equipment and/or converting to off-site water softening; 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 home water use - a percentage that can be significantly reduced by adjusting and monitoring irrigation systems and adopting water efficient landscaping and gardening practices; and

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

WHEREAS, during May 2008, the Water Resources Association 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 does proclaim May 2008 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, 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 by the Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District at the regular meeting of said board held on the 26th day of March, 2008, by the following vote:

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

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

ATTEST:

/s/Lance W. Johnson  
Lance W. Johnson  
Acting District Secretary