

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-12

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

WHEREAS, the health, welfare and quality of life for our community depends on a reliable, high quality water supply; and

WHEREAS, the need to develop a diverse portfolio approach to water supply reliability that includes a balanced combination of conservation, water reuse and new supplies is critical to our region’s future; and

WHEREAS, municipal agencies and governments continue to seek cost-effective and efficient systems to obtain and deliver water to meet the needs of residents, agriculture and the economy; and,

WHEREAS, the state, county, cities and concerned citizens make strong efforts to foster wise decisions concerning water issues and water use; 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, water softeners, and adopting personal water conserving practices; and

WHEREAS, the fact that California will experience periodic droughts and water conservation is critical not only during drought periods, but at all times; 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 San Benito County Water District 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 2013, 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 San Benito County Water District does proclaim May 2013 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 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 this day 24th of April, 2013, by the following vote:

AYES: DIRECTORS: Tobias, Tonascia, Bettencourt & Flores
NOES: DIRECTORS: None
ABSENT: DIRECTORS: Torquato

/s/John Tobias
John Tobias
President

ATTEST: /s/Sara Singleton
Sara Singleton
Assistant Manager