

**RESOLUTION NO. 3671-21**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WINDSOR  
REQUESTING A VOLUNTARY 20 PERCENT REDUCTION IN WATER USE AND  
ENCOURAGING ALL WATER USERS TO INCREASE WATER EFFICIENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Windsor is a retail water purveyor and a Sonoma County Water Agency Water Contractor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Restructured Agreement for Water Supply, executed on June 23, 2006, by and between the Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA), the Cities of Cotati, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, Sonoma and Forestville, the North Marin and Valley of the Moon Water Districts and the Town of Windsor, collectively known as the Water Contractors, creates the Water Advisory Committee (WAC) and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC); and

**WHEREAS**, the Water Contractors are members of the Sonoma-Marín Saving Water Partnership (Partnership), through which these members have joined together to provide a regional approach to water use efficiency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Partnership, through its many water efficiency programs, educational seminars, and outreach campaigns, is working to educate our communities about the importance of conserving water resources and eliminating water-wasting behaviors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Partnership members have taken a regional approach to comply with the Water Conservation Act of 2009 (SBx7-7) requiring a 20% reduction in per capita water use by the year 2020, and the individual members and regional efforts have resulted in exceeding this target by achieving a 37% reduction in per capita water use in the year 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, in summer 2020 the Partnership developed a summer outreach campaign, "Saving Water Ensures Water for What you Love" followed by a strategic 2021 winter outreach campaign, "It's a Dry Year. Save Water with Us." These campaigns were promoted throughout the Russian River Watershed including the Partnership's expanded reach into Mendocino County; and

**WHEREAS**, the historically dry conditions have resulted in severely low storage levels in Lake Mendocino (44 percent of capacity) requiring a Temporary Urgency Change Order to be issued by the State Water Resources Control Board enabling lower in-stream releases to the Russian River and preserving lake storage; and

**WHEREAS**, the storage level in Lake Sonoma on Dry Creek (62 percent of capacity) is significantly below average and it will be necessary for SCWA to file a Temporary Urgency Change Petition to address Lake Sonoma storage conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Partnership members have embarked on a robust multi-media regional water use efficiency outreach campaign throughout the winter months entitled: "It's a Dry Year. Save Water With Us" designed to increase awareness and reduce water use; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 22, 2021, the State Water Resources Board reported that 95% of California is experiencing Moderate to Exceptional Drought and called upon all water users to prepare for drought impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, in preparation for drought impacts, the Partnership members have begun transitioning from the winter dry year campaign to drought messaging, launching “The Drought Is Here. Save Water” media campaign later this month; and

**WHEREAS**, the Water Advisory Committee for the Restructured Water Supply Agreement for the Russian River project at its May 3, 2021, has recommended for adoption a resolution that encourages residents to increase water use efficiency and urged water customers to reduce water use by 20 percent; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of California, on April 21, 2021 declared a drought conditions state of emergency in Mendocino and Sonoma Counties.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Town of Windsor requests all water users increase water use efficiency by fixing leaks and eliminating water waste to help protect and preserve reliable drinking water supplies stored in Lake Mendocino and Lake Sonoma; and urges water customers to reduce water use by 20 percent by implementing the following:

- Apply irrigation water only during the evening and early morning hours to reduce evaporation losses;
- Inspect all irrigation systems, repair leaks, and adjust spray heads to provide optimum coverage and eliminate avoidable over-spray;
- For irrigation valves controlling water applied to turf grass, vary the minutes of run-time consistent with fluctuations in weather;
- Reduce minutes of run-time for each irrigation cycle if water begins to run-off to gutters and ditches before the irrigation cycle is completed;
- Utilize water conservation incentive, rebate, and giveaway programs to replace water-guzzling plumbing fixtures and appliances with water-efficient models;
- Take advantage of the free information available from the Town on how to use water efficiently, read a water meter, repair ordinary leaks, and how to apply water efficiently to the landscape.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 5th day of May 2021, by the following vote:**

**AYES:** COUNCILMEMBERS FUDGE, LEMUS AND  
VICE MAYOR SALMON  
**NOES:** NONE  
**ABSTAIN:** NONE  
**ABSENT:** MAYOR FOPPOLI

  
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**SAM SALMON, VICE MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**  
  
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**MARIA DE LA O, TOWN CLERK**