

**RESOLUTION 2026-14**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE SAN BENITO COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
APPROVING, WITH QUALIFICATIONS, THE 2025 SAN BENITO  
URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN AND WATER SHORTAGE  
CONTINGENCY PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the San Benito County Water District (District) has joined in a cooperative effort with the Sunnyslope County Water District, the City of Hollister, and the City of San Juan Bautista in the preparation of an Urban Water Management Plan (“the Plan”) pursuant to Water Code Section 10620 et. seq., known as the Urban Water Management Planning Act; and,

**WHEREAS**, the study area for the Plan is the “San Benito Urban Area” comprised of the service areas for the City of Hollister, the City of San Juan Bautista, and the Sunnyslope County Water District as well as the immediate surrounding areas. This area overlies the North San Benito Groundwater Basin; and,

**WHEREAS**, one of the purposes of the Plan is to identify and quantify existing and planned sources of available water and the reliability of the water supplies without creating any rights or entitlement to water service or a specific level of water service; and,

**WHEREAS**, neither the Plan nor the statute mandating the adoption of the Plan encourages exclusive use of the Plan by land use entitlement agencies in making water-related land use decisions; and,

**WHEREAS**, because water is a changing resource, the Plan must be viewed as a snapshot of water availability and reliability based upon facts available at the time of creating the Plan; that water dynamics change because of forces of nature or human conduct and that, for the above reasons, the exclusive use of the Plan as a resource tool for making land use decisions is discouraged; that land use entitlement requests must be reviewed on a project by project basis for the purpose of analyzing the availability and reliability of water resources for the project; and,

**WHEREAS**, the District acknowledges its responsibility to take all necessary steps to address water supply emergency issues; and,

**WHEREAS**, the District is committed to water conservation and obligated to specific water conservation measures by virtue of the District water supply contract with United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District hereby resolves as follows:

1. The San Benito Urban Water Management Plan 2025 (“the Plan”) dated June 2026, is hereby adopted by the Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District (District) and incorporated into this resolution by reference. A copy of the Plan is available for public review during normal business hours at the District Office located at 30 Mansfield Road, Hollister, California;
2. No later than sixty (60) days from June 24, 2026, the District shall deliver the Plan together with this resolution to the City of Hollister, San Juan Bautista, and the County of San Benito;
3. The General Manager is directed to file the Plan with the California Department of Water Resources by July 1, 2026;
4. The Plan, as adopted by the District, is not intended as a tool to be used exclusively by land use planning agencies as a substitute for a comprehensive study and investigation of water availability, reliability, and quality for development projects and land use changes proposed in San Benito County or the City of Hollister and San Juan Bautista, for the reasons stated in the recitals to this resolution;
5. The General Manager is hereby directed to implement the Water Conservation programs as funded through the District’s Annual Budgets including water shortage contingency analysis and recommendations to the District Board regarding procedures to carry out effective water conservation and recycling programs in order to meet statutory and contractual obligations.

**THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION** was adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District held on June 24, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:	Wright, Tonascia, Flores & Williams
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Freeman

(Signature of presiding Board member  
Attested by Board Secretary  
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/s/Mark Wright  
Mark Wright  
President

ATTEST:

/s/Barbara L. Mauro  
Barbara L. Mauro  
Board Secretary