

# VENTURA RIVER WATER DISTRICT

## RESOLUTION 2018 – 312

### A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE VENTURA RIVER WATER DISTRICT SUPPORTING THE CONNECTION TO THE STATE WATER PROJECT

WHEREAS, drought is a common occurrence in Southern California with the current drought significantly impacting Lake Casitas, which is currently at less than 35% of capacity; and

WHEREAS, Lake Casitas was designed, in conjunction with local groundwater resources, to sustain the area through a 20-year drought; and

WHEREAS; there is scientific evidence of 50-year droughts in California during the past 1,200 years; and

WHEREAS; a connection to the State Water system can provide a supplemental supply of water into the Lake Casitas service area to minimize the number of years of severe Stage 4 and Stage 5 drought restrictions and provide emergency access to health and safety water should Lake Casitas go dry; and

WHEREAS; with water wheeling agreements now an option through Calleguas and Metropolitan Municipal Water Districts and the City of San Buenaventura, and with negotiations underway between those agencies to access State Water, now is the best opportunity for Casitas Municipal Water District to connect to State Water at the lowest possible cost; and

WHEREAS; State Water deliveries fluctuate year to year, but Lake Casitas has ample storage, which will enable efficient utilization of State Water; and

WHEREAS; importing State Water to the City of Ventura enables reduced usage by Ventura of Lake Casitas water so State Water may never actually be stored in Lake Casitas but the water supply in Lake Casitas would last longer.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Ventura River Water District finds it essential that we have access to the State Water Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District hereby requests that the Casitas Municipal Water District to adopt a policy now committing to obtaining a connection to the State Water Project and to work as expeditiously as possible toward that goal.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 2018.

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

ATTEST:

  
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