

**RESOLUTION NO. 05-15**

**BEFORE THE SOQUEL CREEK WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**ESTABLISHING WATER USE EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the following legal authorities:

1. California Water Code Section 31020 provides authority for county water districts to do any act necessary to furnish sufficient water in the district for any present or future beneficial use;
2. California Water Code Section 31035 authorizes county water districts to undertake water conservation programs to reduce water use and require as a condition of new service that reasonable water-saving devices be installed to reduce water use;
3. California Water Code Section 375 authorizes any public entity which supplies water at retail or wholesale for the benefit of persons within its service area to adopt a water conservation program by ordinance or resolution adopted by a majority of the members of the governing body after holding a public hearing upon notice and making appropriate findings of necessity for the adoption of a water conservation program which may specifically require the installation of water-saving devices designed to reduce water consumption;
4. Soquel Creek Water District Ordinance No. 64-1 establishes rules and regulations for water service by the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the SOQUEL CREEK WATER DISTRICT hereby makes the following findings of necessity for the resolution adopting water use efficiency requirements for new development:

1. The District's water supply is in overdraft and water conservation is a critical component to meeting the community's water supply needs; and
2. The water demands of new development, if not properly planned, could be detrimental to the maximum beneficial use of the limited water supply; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the SOQUEL CREEK WATER DISTRICT has determined that appropriate water use efficiency technologies and methods applied to new development (for both indoor and outdoor uses) are effective in reducing water demand.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Directors of the SOQUEL CREEK WATER DISTRICT that:

1. The water supply situation and the advancements in knowledge and technology to reduce water demand warrant a new and expanded policy regarding indoor and outdoor water use efficiency requirements for new development as specified in California Water Code Section 375;
2. Applicants for new water service from SOQUEL CREEK WATER DISTRICT shall be required to adhere to the Water Use Efficiency Requirements for new development as set forth in Attachments A, B, and C;
3. Attachments A, B, and C may be amended periodically to reflect improved devices or methods for conserving water upon approval by the Board of Directors of the SOQUEL CREEK WATER DISTRICT; and
4. Resolution No. 79-7 (Resolution Establishing Landscape Design and Irrigation Water Use Policy) is hereby rescinded.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Directors of the SOQUEL CREEK WATER DISTRICT this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April 2005, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVE:

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Bruce Daniels, President  
Soquel Creek Water District

ATTEST:

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Denise E. Alexander, Board Clerk  
Soquel Creek Water District