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**Agenda Item
Regular Meeting of the
Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, April 14, 2026**

Item Number: 1.15

MEETING DATE: 04/14/2026

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Kris Mangano

DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Esperanza Colio Warren

SUBJECT:

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - K. MANGANO

1. Adopt Resolution adopting The San Benito County Drought Resilience Plan Pursuant to Senate Bill 552 and Related Provisions by fulfilling County requirements for preparation of a plan that includes potential drought and water shortage risk and proposed interim and long-term solutions for domestic wells and state small water systems stems within the County's jurisdiction; and
2. Authorize the Chair to Execute the Resolution.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 75.5

RESOLUTION NO.: 2026-43

AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

To comply with Senate Bill 552 (Stats. 2021, ch. 245), codified at Water Code sections 10609.70 through 10609.74, which requires counties to establish a drought and water shortage task force and to develop a drought resilience plan addressing state small water systems and domestic wells, the County established a multi-departmental drought and water shortage task force.

In addition, Assembly Bill 1668 and Senate Bill 606 (Stats. 2018, chs. 14 and 15), codified in part at Water Code sections 10609 et seq. and 10608 et seq., establish a statewide framework for water use efficiency and long-term drought resilience planning, which informs and complements the County's efforts.

Over the past year, the task force has developed the County of San Benito Drought Resilience Plan

("Plan"), which evaluates potential drought and water shortage risks and identifies interim and long-term response strategies.

The Plan includes potential drought and water shortage risks, proposed interim and long-term solutions for state small and domestic wells in the county, consolidations for existing water systems and domestic wells, domestic well drinking water mitigation programs, provisions of emergency and interim drinking water solutions, an analysis of the steps necessary to implement the plan, and an analysis of funding sources available to implement the plan.

The task force included representatives from the Office of Emergency Services, Public Health, Environmental Health, Public Works, the San Benito County Water District, Aromas Water District, Sunnyslope Water District, the City of San Juan Bautista, the City of Hollister, and the Board of Supervisors. The California Department of Water Resources provided grant funding, and Stantec Consulting Services Inc. assisted in preparation of the Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

- [Agenda Fact Sheet -Drought Plan](#)
- [Resolution - Adopting Drought Resilience Plan](#)
- [Drought Plan Overview](#)
- [Drought Resilience Plan](#)