

RESOLUTION NO. ____-2021

**RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL
CONFIRMING CITY MANAGER'S DECLARATION OF A STAGE 2 WATER
WARNING AND IMPLEMENTING MANDATORY STAGE 2 WATER
CONSERVATION MEASURES**

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Bragg has experienced significantly less rainfall over the past two years, placing the City in an extreme drought condition; and

WHEREAS, the water flows from the City's three raw water sources continue on a downward trend; and

WHEREAS, as of June 18, 2021, the Noyo River flow was 3.85 cubic feet per second (csf) and had declined 83% since April 12, 2021 as compared to 1977 for the same time period when flows declined 78%; and

WHEREAS, as of June 24, 2021, the Noyo River flow was nearing 2.57 cubic feet per second; and

WHEREAS, as of July 2, 2021, the Noyo River flow fell from 2.27 cubic feet per second to 1.47 cubic feet per second; and

WHEREAS, as of July 4, 2021, the Noyo River flow fluctuated between 1.23 cubic feet per second and 1.01 cubic feet per second; and

WHEREAS, as of July 5, 2021, the Noyo River flow fluctuated between 1.01 cubic feet per second and .80 cubic feet per second; and

WHEREAS, as of July 6, 2021, the Noyo River flow fluctuated between .80 cubic feet per second and .59 cubic feet per second; and

WHEREAS, as of June 18, 2021, total stream flow in Waterfall Gulch had declined by 12.5% since April 12, 2021; and

WHEREAS, as of June 18, 2021, total stream flow in Newman Gulch had declined by 8% since April 12, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the high tides during periods of low flow levels on the Noyo River increase salinity content impairing the City's ability to replenish water supply from the Noyo River; and

WHEREAS, the weather forecasts continue to show no significant rainfall in the area in the coming weeks; and

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2021, Governor Newsom declared a state of emergency in Mendocino County due to drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, based on all the evidence presented, the City Council finds as follows:

1. Fort Bragg Municipal Code Section 14.06.020 sets forth the five water conservation stages for the City of Fort Bragg and provides the City Manager with the authority to determine the appropriate water conservation stage and mandatory water restrictions.

2. The City Manager has considered the record low current water flows in the City's three surface water sources; the short-term and long-term weather forecasts with no measurable rainfall; the lack of other available potable and nonpotable water sources; drought conditions in the surrounding counties and states; and the need to ensure continued reduction of seasonal water demand by 10-20%.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg does hereby declare a Stage 2 Water Warning pursuant to Chapter 14.06 of the Fort Bragg Municipal Code and requires implementation of Stage 2 Water Conservation Measures, as set forth in Fort Bragg Municipal Code section 14.06.050 B.

The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Councilmember _____, seconded by Councilmember _____, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 12th day of July, 2021, by the following vote:

**AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:
RECUSED:**

**BERNIE NORVELL
Mayor**

ATTEST:

**June Lemos, CMC
City Clerk**