## RESOLUTION NO. 2022-289

## RESOLUTION OF THE MENDOCINO CITY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT TO DECLARE A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON ISSUANCE OF GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION PERMITS FOR NEW USES OR EXPANSION OF EXISTING USE THAT INCREASE WATER DEMAND, AQUIFER PUMP TESTS, OR DRILLING NEW WATER WELLS

WHEREAS, in 1987 the California Legislature passed Water Code Section 10700- 10717, as outlined in Assembly Bill No. 786, which provided the Mendocino City Community Services District (MCCSD) with the authority to establish programs for the management of groundwater resources within the District boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1990, the Mendocino City Community Services District assumed responsibility for groundwater management within the District boundaries; and

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2020, the Mendocino City Community Services District adopted a Water Shortage Contingency Plan to protect and conserve the groundwater resources within its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, due to current drought conditions and a diminishing groundwater supply, the District declared a Stage 4 Water Shortage Emergency exists within the MCCSD services area; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 9 of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan Ordinance 2020-02, the District Board of Directors may proclaim a temporary moratorium on issuance of new Groundwater Extraction Permits issued in accordance with the Groundwater Extraction Permit Ordinance 2020-01 or drilling of new wells.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED,** that the Board of Directors of the MCCSD that the Board hereby proclaims a temporary moratorium on issuance of Groundwater Extraction Permits for new uses of expansion in existing use that increase water demand, aquifer pump tests, or drilling new water wells. The drilling of replacement wells may be considered by the Board on a case-by-case basis.

Dennak Murphy, President of the Board

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Directors of the Mendocino City Community Services District at a Regular Board Meeting on March 28, 2022 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: 5

NOES: O ABSENT: O

ATTEST:

Katie Bates, Board Secretary or

Ryan Rhoades, District Superintendent