



RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: April 14, 2020 – REVISED

Public Hearing Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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SUBJECT: Resolution in Support of Senate Bill 974

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve the attached resolution in support of Senate Bill 974 that would create a California Environmental Quality Act exemption for drinking water projects for small disadvantaged communities and schools.

SUMMARY:

Resource Management Agency staff request that the Tulare County Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution conveying the importance of the need to exempt drinking water projects benefiting small disadvantage communities from the requirement of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The proposed resolution in support of Senate Bill 974 (SB) was prepared by Senator Hurtado's office.

The current CEQA process impacts drinking water projects for small disadvantaged communities and schools during the planning phase when environmental documents are prepared and during the funding application review process conducted by the State Water Board. The CEQA process may add tens of thousands of dollars and months or years to projects, thereby delaying safe and reliable drinking water projects for disadvantaged communities.

SB 974 creates a CEQA exemption for drinking water projects benefiting small community water systems serving disadvantaged community with fewer than ten thousand people and standalone public water systems owned and operated by schools that serve a disadvantaged community. Projects exempted under SB 974

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would still be subject to other state and federal environmental laws.

These exemptions would apply to projects in the County's four community water systems in Yettem, Seville, Delft Colony and Wells Tract. The exemptions also apply to many of the water systems owned and operated by special districts throughout the County. Further, staff estimate that the proposed exemption would have reduced the environmental/design phase of the Yettem-Seville Project by up to 6 months had they been in place at that time.

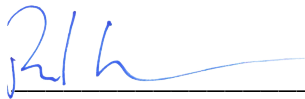
FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There is no Net County Cost to the General Fund.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

Approve resolution in support of SB 974 for to create CEQA exemption is linked to the Safety and Security initiative to provide an adequate and safe water supply.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Reed Schenke
Director

cc: County Administrative Office

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION IN)
SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 974) Resolution No. _____

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD ON APRIL 14, 2020
BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JASON T. BRITT
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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Approved the attached resolution in support of Senate Bill 974 that would create a California Environmental Quality Act exemption for drinking water projects for small disadvantaged communities and schools.

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION IN)
SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 974) Resolution No. _____**

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SB 974 (HURTADO) THAT WOULD CREATE A CEQA EXEMPTION FOR DRINKING WATER PROJECTS FOR SMALL DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES AND SCHOOLS.

WHEREAS, all Californians have a human right to safe, clean, affordable and accessible water for consumption, cooking and sanitation purposes; and

WHEREAS, drinking water challenges affect communities throughout California; and

WHEREAS, Disadvantaged Communities and schools that serve Disadvantaged Communities are disproportionately burdened by unsafe drinking water and have the fewest resources to address their drinking water needs; and

WHEREAS, solutions to drinking water challenges can be delayed for years and run over-budget due to CEQA processes that do not substantially change projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tulare County Board of Supervisors do hereby affirm its support of SB 974 (Hurtado) that would create a CEQA exemption for drinking water projects for small disadvantaged communities and schools.

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