

TO: James L. App, City Manager
FROM: Doug Monn, Interim Public Works Director
SUBJECT: Rescind Water Shortage Emergency Declaration
DATE: August 16, 2005

NEEDS: For the City Council to rescind a citywide water shortage emergency that resulted from the December 22, 2003, San Simeon Earthquake.

FACTS:

1. As a result of the December 22, 2003 earthquake, there was an immediate operational urgency to reduce the City's water demand by 25% because of damage suffered to the City Golden Hill Water Storage Tanks
2. On March 2, 2004 the City Council implemented a Water Plan aimed at reducing the short term usage by 25%.
3. In accordance with California Water Code Section 350, the City of Paso Robles was authorized to declare a water shortage emergency to protect its supply for human consumption, sanitation, and fire protection use.
4. The repair of the tanks was completed in June of 2005, restoring the water supply to pre-earthquake levels. As the repair of the Golden Hill Tanks is complete, in accordance with, California Water Code Section 350 the City must now lift the water shortage emergency.

**ANALYSIS
AND**

CONCLUSION: The City experienced a 6.5 magnitude earthquake on December 22, 2003. The earthquake caused damage to one of the City's 4 million gallon reservoir. The City implemented a Water Conservation Plan to assist in conserving water. Repair of the damaged tanks has been completed, therefore, as provided under the California Water Code, the City must now rescind the emergency restriction implemented after the quake.

**POLICY
REFERENCE** California Water Code

**FISCAL
IMPACT:** None.

- OPTIONS:**
- a. Adopt Resolution 05-xx rescinding the Water Shortage Emergency.
 - b. Amend, modify, or reject the above option.

Attachments (1)
Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 05-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES
RESCINDING A CITY-WIDE WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCY
RESULTING FROM THE DECEMBER 22, 2003, SAN SIMEON EARTHQUAKE

WHEREAS, as a result of the December 22, 2003, earthquake, the City lost use of one of its three above-ground 4 million gallon storage tanks; and

WHEREAS, due to the loss of the use of the tank, there was an immediate operational urgency to reduce the City's water demand by 25%; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with California Water Code Section 350 et seq., the City of Paso Robles did declare a water shortage emergency officially determining that the ordinary demands and requirements of water consumers could not be satisfied without depleting the water supply of the City to the extent that there would be insufficient water for human consumption, sanitation, and fire protection use; and

WHEREAS, the tank repairs have now been completed and water supplies have been returned to pre-earthquake levels The California Water Code Section 350 requires the City rescind the emergency reduction resulting from the December quake.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles does hereby find and determine that as the result of the repair of the tanks damaged by the December 22, 2003 earthquake being complete and the water storage levels returned to pre-earthquake levels, that the emergency water reduction requirement is hereby rescinded.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles this 16thth day of August 2005 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Frank R. Mecham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharilyn M. Ryan, Deputy City Clerk