

RESOLUTION NO. 14-122

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES  
ADOPTING A POLICY FOR PROVIDING WATER ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS  
TO RURAL RESIDENTS OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS

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WHEREAS, California is experiencing one of the driest years in state history, prompting the County and State to declare a state of emergency and for the City to implement its local water shortage contingency plans; and

WHEREAS, some rural residents with private wells in the unincorporated area near the City have reported that their wells have gone dry, and water well drillers report a backlog of requests to deepen wells; and

WHEREAS, the City anticipates it may receive requests to provide water on an emergency basis to individual rural residents whose wells have gone dry; and

WHEREAS, the City at times issues permits for hydrant meters for the temporary use of fire hydrants within the City limits and bills such usage at the same rates charged to other potable water customers; and

WHEREAS, although City continues to operate at a Level 2 water supply shortage condition, as a result of the City's careful water supply planning, diversification, and conservation efforts, the City presently has sufficient water supplies both to serve its City customers and to temporarily provide emergency water to neighbors outside City limits that are facing a hardship; and

WHEREAS, the City's adopted Water Conservation and Water Shortage Contingency Plan (Municipal Code chapter 14.02) provides for the discretionary suspension of the issuance of new hydrant meters and/or the recall all outstanding hydrant meters at Levels 2 and 3 water supply shortage conditions; and

WHEREAS, at Level 4, no new commitments or arrangements to provide water are allowed; and

WHEREAS, this policy will be returned to City Council for review prior to the beginning of the 2015 summer season (by May 1st 2015).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles does hereby establish policies as follows:

1. Allow a potable water hauler who provides evidence reasonably satisfactory to the City that it is providing water to rural residents outside the City limits in need of emergency domestic water to apply for hydrant meters.
2. Such provision of hydrant meters would be subject to City discretion to disapprove, cease or suspend any such hydrant water use in accordance with the City's Water Conservation and Water Shortage Contingency Plan and other City powers and authorities (i.e., at declared Level 2 or 3 water supply shortage conditions, the City may suspend the issuance of new hydrant meters and/or recall all outstanding hydrant meters s; at Level 4, no new commitments to provide water inside or outside the City are allowed);

3. Haulers would be required to execute and adhere to the City's Hydrant Meter Rental Agreement and be responsible for payment pursuant to the Agreement.
4. Hydrant water usage to be billed at the same rates charged to other potable water customers.

The policy established herein in support of the provision of emergency water supplies shall not apply to applications for new and/or permanent water service connections to customers outside existing City limits.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles at a regular meeting of said City Council held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES: Hamon, Steinbeck, Martin, Picanco  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT: Strong

  
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Duane Picanco, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
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Caryn Jackson, Deputy City Clerk