

VANDENBERG VILLAGE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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Resolution 201-15

September 1, 2015

A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO A PUBLIC GOODS CHARGE ON WATER

WHEREAS, proposals to impose a public goods charge or similar permanent statewide tax on water could emerge in the near future; and

WHEREAS, a public goods charge or other permanent tax on water bills is not the appropriate mechanism to fund water solutions or address water quality and water supply problems faced by some disadvantaged communities; and

WHEREAS, assessing a public goods charge would unfairly penalize local water agencies that have already made, and continue to make, investments in water management programs and infrastructure, and would make it more difficult and costly for local water agencies to fund critical local water efficiency and supply projects; and

WHEREAS, according to a recent report by the Public Policy Institute of California, local water agencies are spending more than \$25 billion a year on local water-related programs, projects and infrastructure, and those investments have prepared them to respond to the current drought and have shielded the state's economy from the drought's most severe impacts over the past four years; and

WHEREAS, while there is a clear need to fund sensible long-term solutions and assist disadvantaged communities that do not have safe drinking water, a tax on water bills paid by a subset of Californians is not the solution;

WHEREAS, local water managers are best suited to identify ways to spend locally-generated revenues at their respective agencies; an additional tax on water bills paid in order to send money to Sacramento, where a portion will be carved out to fund another layer of administration, is not efficient and is not an appropriate solution or sound policy; and


NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Vandenberg Village Community Services District opposes any effort by the state Legislature to impose a statewide public goods charge or other tax on water bills; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Vandenberg Village Community Services District opposes the use of the budget trailer bill process or other last-minute attempt to circumvent the appropriate legislative policy committee process to advance policy issues without full disclosure and transparency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to our state legislative representatives and key members of the Administration.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Vandenberg Village Community Services District this 1st day of September 2015 upon motion by Director Brooks , seconded by Director Blair and as approved by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Blair, Brooks, Fox and Redmon
NOES: None
ABSENT: Director Wyckoff
ABSTAIN: None


Anthony Fox, Vice President
Board of Directors

ATTEST:


Stephanie Vlahos
Secretary to the Board of Directors