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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 316203

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE MAY 2 2 2025

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO WITHDRAW FROM THE WATER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY.

## **RECITALS**

The Council of the City of San Diego (Council) adopts this Resolution based on the following:

- A. In 2003, the City joined the Water Conservation Authority (Authority), which is currently operated under the Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement Creating the Water Conservation Authority dated July 18, 2019 (JPA Agreement). The Authority operated the Water Conservation Garden at Cuyamaca Community College to promote water conservation.
- B. Under the JPA Agreement, each Authority member pays a portion of the Authority's expenses. The City's share of these expenses in fiscal year 2025, was \$75,828.
- C. Water conservation has become a way of life for the City's water users, with relatively low per capita water use that has been stable over the past decade. As a result of this, and administrative issues at the Authority, City staff has determined that continued participation in the Authority may not be in the best interest of the City's ratepayers.
- D. In July, 2024, the City, along with all other members of the Authority, provided a Notice of Intent to Withdraw from the Authority that will be effective on June 30, 2025, unless the City withdraws this Notice of Intent. If the City remains a member of the Authority, and other members withdraw, the City's share of the Authority's expenses could increase, up to the full amount, which in fiscal year 2025 was \$505,523. Under the JPA Agreement, if the City withdraws from the Authority, it must release all rights to, or interest in, any asset owned, operated or controlled by the Authority.

E. The Office of the City Attorney prepared this Resolution based on the information provided by City staff (including information provided by affected third parties and verified by City staff), with the understanding that this information is complete and accurate.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of San Diego:

1. The Mayor, or designee, is authorized to withdraw from the Authority, and to release all rights to, or interest in, any asset owned, operated or controlled by the Authority.

APPROVED: HEATHER FERBERT, City Attorney

Ву	Melitra Ables
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	Senior Chief Deputy City Attorney

MDA:jn2 April 28, 2025

Or.Dept: Public Utilities Dept.

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I certify that the Council of the City of MAY 1 3 2025	f San Diego adopted this Resolution at a meeting held on
	DANA KA BUDVEDA

DIANA J.S. FUENTES City Clerk

By Kushell Medina
Deputy City Clerk

Approved:	5/20/25	1500 B	
	(date)	TODD GLORIA, Mayor	
Vetoed:			
	(date)	TODD GLORIA, Mayor	

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