

# 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

  
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Anthony Fox, Vice President  
Board of Directors

ATTEST:  
  
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Stephanie Vlahos  
Secretary to the Board of Directors