## **RESOLUTION NO. 21-14**

## A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT IMPLEMENTING VOLUNTARY STAGE 2 OF THE WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN

WHEREAS, California is experiencing a dry year with 77% of the State being classified as being in a severe drought; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 water year has been one of the driest in decades and is the second consecutive dry year for the State; and

WHEREAS, the State's major reservoirs and the statewide snowpack remains well below average levels for the date with little time remaining to recover in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the State Water Project (Project) has announced an allocation of 5% for its customers in 2021 with very low probability of an increase to the allocation occurring; and

WHEREAS, current available supplies are insufficient to meet projected customer demand and maintain backup supply for 2022; and

WHEREAS, Palmdale Water District has made significant investments in local programs and projects to improve water supply reliability, including supplemental water supply contracts, local water storage projects, water conservation, water recycling and other strategies to stretch supplies, and will continue to do so; and

WHEREAS, Palmdale Water District, in accordance with California Water Code Section 10632, adopted a Water Shortage Contingency Plan on June 14, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Palmdale Water District customers have responded effectively in previous droughts by conserving and preserving available water supplies.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District recognizes that California is in a second consecutive dry year, and there is a critical need for customers to use water wisely on an ongoing basis and heighten their conservation efforts now as the State continues to face drought conditions.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors in an effort to preserve backup supply for 2022 shall enact Voluntary Stage 2 of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021.

ATTEST:

Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Aleshire & Wynder, LLP, General Counsel