

RESOLUTION NO. 4042

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COALINGA PLACING A MORATORIUM ON SWIMMING POOL, SPA, HOT TUB, DECORATIVE FOUNTAINS OR WATER FEATURES EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND UNTIL THE CITY PROCLAIMS THE WATER CONSERVATION EMERGENCY TO BE OVER

WHEREAS, winter snowpack in the Sierra was limited for the second year in a row and runoff from snow melt was even less than runoff projections; and

WHEREAS, as a result of low reservoir levels, the United States Bureau of Reclamation has notified the City that it must reduce water usage to defined Public Health and Safety (PHS) levels; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2021, the City adopted Resolution No. 4037 Proclaiming a Water Conservation Emergency and Establishing Drought Charges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Coalinga, effective immediately, and until such time the City proclaims the water conservation emergency to be over hereby establishes the following policies:

1. Places a moratorium on the permitting of any new residential, commercial, institutional and industrial pool, spa, hot tub, decorative water fountain(s) or water feature(s) for pleasure or business use, of any size, that requires or is a part of a permit.

2. Allows for, but discourages existing pool rehabilitation, and will only allow a one-time refill per 12 month period.

3. Requires a permit for any and all draining, emptying, or filling of a pool, spa, hot tub or water fountain or feature in excess of 1,000 gallons. Property owners will be allowed to drain or empty their water amenity one time per 12-month period. Property owners are encouraged to use the drained water on their landscape or that of their neighbor(s) and not release the water into the gutter or storm water system. Violators will be fined.

4. A fine is hereby established in the amount of \$100 (1st violation); \$200 (2nd violation); and \$300 for every violation thereafter during a 12-month period.

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Coalinga City Council at a regular meeting held on the **5th day of August, 2021**, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

APPROVED:

Ron Ramsey, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shannon Jensen, City Clerk