

RESOLUTION NO. 20-04

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE RAINBOW MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
DISTRICT DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY WITHIN THE DISTRICT
RELATED TO THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK**

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2020 the San Diego County Health Officers declared a Local Health Emergency related to the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency in the State of Emergency related to the COVID-19 outbreak and has issued a series of Executive Orders since that date; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak to be a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a National State of Emergency related to the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, these federal and state declarations of emergency allow Rainbow MWD to seek reimbursement from the federal government and state of California under *The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act*, which allows local agencies to be reimbursed for expenses incurred in responding to a local emergency, including employee salaries and emergency supplies; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020 Rainbow MWD General Manager Tom Kennedy declared a Local State of Emergency within the Rainbow MWD service area related to the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, the health and well-being on all residents within the District depends on the provision of the water supply and wastewater collected services provided by the District; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure the orderly provision of those services, the District will need to adapt its operations to protect both the public and its employees; and

WHEREAS, Rainbow MWD has implemented and will continue to implement measures to reduce the risk of COVID-19; to comply with State Senate Bill 998; and to ensure a safe, reliable, uninterrupted water supply; and

WHEREAS, RMWD employees are Critical Infrastructure Sector workers as defined by the US Department of Homeland Security.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED, by the Board of Directors of the Rainbow Municipal Water District as follows:

1. The Board of Directors of the Rainbow Municipal Water District hereby ratifies the Local State of Emergency declaration made by General Manager Kennedy.

2. This State of Emergency will continue to be in full force and effect until further action by this Board.
3. All District offices will remain closed to the public until State and Local health officials deem it safe to re-open the offices to public visits.
4. All District public meetings will be conducted via teleconference in accordance with the various Executive Orders from Governor Newsom that temporarily suspended certain provisions of the Brown Act.
5. All relevant provisions of the District's Administrative Code and Memoranda of Understanding with employee bargaining units related to emergency conditions shall be in effect.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rainbow Municipal Water District held on the 24th day of March 2020 by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Directors Brazier, Gasca, Hamilton, Mack, and Rindfleisch
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None



Helene Brazier, Board President

ATTEST:



Dawn M. Washburn, Board Secretary