RESOLUTION NO. ____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA DECLARING A STAGE ONE DROUGHT CONDITION

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Barbara has adopted an Urban Water Management Plan, which includes a Water Shortage Contingency Plan that identifies three stages of water shortage conditions for use in guiding the City's response to water shortages of various types;

WHEREAS, the Water Shortage Contingency Plan defines a "Stage One Water Shortage Condition – Water Shortage Watch" to be a short-term water shortage condition declared by Resolution of the City Council upon being advised that the projected supply availability during the next three years may be less than the projected normal demand;

WHEREAS, dry weather has affected local surface water storage reservoirs to the point that a shortage, greater than 10% can be expected within the next three years in the event of continued dry weather.

WHEREAS, alternate water supplies are under development, with a goal of preventing or reducing shortages during the next three years in the event of continued dry weather.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. A Stage One Water Shortage Condition does now exist due to recent dry weather and the potential for more serious Water Shortage Conditions should dry weather continue over the next three years. Due to the nature of the shortage, such shortage condition shall be referred to as a "Stage One Drought Condition."

SECTION 2. City residents are advised of the following:

A. The public is strongly encouraged to continue efforts to save water, in particular looking at ways to reduce landscape water use and to take advantage of water conservation opportunities offered by the City.

B. Extraordinary drought response measures on the part of the public are encouraged but not required at this time.

C. Mandatory water use restrictions may be necessary at a later date, depending on the extent of dry weather.

D. The City is implementing plans to use alternate water supplies to replace diminished surface water supplies with a goal of limiting shortages to 10-15%.