SHERWOOD VALLEY BAND OF POMO INDIANS

A TRIBAL PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF WATER EMERGENCY
RESOLUTION #02-19-14-01

WHEREAS: the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians hereafter (Tribe) is governed under a Constitution and Bylaws duly adopted and approved by the secretary of the Interior on July 25, 1974; and

WHEREAS: the Tribe's Constitution authorizes Sherwood Valley Rancheria's General Council to delegate, by a duly adopted ordinance, to its Tribal Council the authority to negotiate, contracts for or concludes agreements with private persons and organizations and to expend funds for Tribal Government purposes; and

WHEREAS: the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians is experiencing record dry conditions, with 2014 projected to become the driest year on record; and

WHEREAS: the Tribe's water supplies have dropped to alarming levels, indicated by significantly reduced surface water flows; and groundwater levels throughout Sherwood Valley Rancheria have dropped significantly; and

WHEREAS: dry conditions and lack of precipitation present urgent problems: drinking water supplies are at risk; animals and plants that rely on Tribal waters, including many species in danger of extinction, will be threatened; and the risk of wildfires across Sherwood Valley Rancheria is greatly increased; and

WHEREAS: extremely dry conditions have persisted since 2012 and may continue beyond this year and more regularly into the future, based on scientific projections regarding the impact of climate change; and

WHEREAS: the magnitude of the severe drought conditions presents threats beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of any single local government and require the combined forces of a mutual aid region or regions to combat; and

WHEREAS: under the provisions of the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians Tribal Constitution, the Tribal Council finds that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist on Sherwood Valley Rancheria due to water shortage and drought conditions with which local authority is unable to cope.

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NOW, THEREFORE, the Sherwood Valley Tribal Council, in accordance with the authority vested by the Sherwood Valley Tribal Constitution and Bylaws, **HEREBY PROCLAIMS A STATE OF EMERGENCY** to exist on the Sherwood Valley Rancheria due to current drought conditions.

CERTIFICATION

The Sherwood Valley Tribal Council does hereby certify that at a meeting duly called, noticed and convened on the 19th day of February, 2014, where a quorum was present, this action was duly adopted by a vote of 5 for, 0 against, and 0 abstaining.

Michael Fitzgerral, Tribal Chairman

Karen Shepherd, Tribal Secretary

2-24-14
Date

2/25/14
Date