RESOLUTION OF THE HOOPA VALLEY TRIBE
HOOPA VALLEY INDIAN RESERVATION
HOOPA, CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO: 14-01

DATE APPROVED: January 20, 2014

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION OF THE HOOPA VALLEY TRIBAL COUNCIL DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY AND IMMINENT THREAT OF DISASTER DUE TO DROUGHT CONDITIONS ON THE HOOPA INDIAN RESERVATION

WHEREAS: the Hoopa Valley Tribe adopted a Constitution and Bylaws (Tribal Constitution) on June 20, 1972 which was approved by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs on August 18, 1972 and ratified by Congress on October 31, 1988, and the purpose of the Tribal Constitution is to protect and promote the interests of the Hoopa Valley Indians;

WHEREAS: the Hoopa Valley Tribal Council is the governing body of the Hoopa Valley Tribe pursuant to Article V of the Tribal Constitution;

WHEREAS: the Hoopa Valley Tribal Council wants to protect life and property of the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation by mitigating the potential damage from disaster;

WHEREAS: Hoopa Valley Indian reservation is now entering its second year of significant reduction of rain fall; and

WHEREAS: drought conditions and water delivery limitations have become worse in this second year of less than average rain fall, creating emergency conditions on the Hoopa Indian Reservation,

WHEREAS: the Trinity River, creeks and streams are at unprecedentedly low levels,

WHEREAS: the Hoopa Indian Reservation is placed in great jeopardy because of the shortage of seasonable rain and snow fall, and must act proactively to prevent an imminent disaster; and

WHEREAS: due to drought conditions it is unlikely that the principal source of water from the Trinity River, its Creeks and streams will be adequate to meet the essential water supply needs of the Hoopa Indian Reservation this Summer and Fall; and

WHEREAS: the adverse environmental, economic, and social impacts of the drought pose an imminent threat of disaster and threaten to cause widespread harm to people, businesses, property, natural resources, wildlife and recreation on the Hoopa Indian reservation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Hoopa Valley Tribal Council declares that a local emergency and imminent threat of disaster exists on the Hoopa Indian Reservation due to drought conditions, and that the Hoopa Valley Tribal Council does enact emergency authorities under the Hoopa Valley Tribal Constitution to mitigate this threat and protect the people, lands and resources of the Hoopa Indian Reservation.

CERTIFICATION

I, Danielle Vigil-Masten, Chairperson of the Hoopa Valley Tribal Council, do hereby certify that the Hoopa Valley Tribal Council is composed of eight (8) members of which (5) were present, constituting a quorum of a regular meeting thereof; duly called, noticed, convened and held this 20th, day of January 2014; and that this resolution was duly adopted by a vote of (4) in favor, none (0) opposed and none (0) abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded, amended or modified in any way.

DATED THIS 20th DAY OF January 2014

Danielle Vigil-Masten, Chairperson
Hoopa Valley Tribal Council

ATTEST: Judith Surber
Judith Surber, Executive Secretary
Hoopa Valley Tribal Council

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