



RESOLUTION NO. 772

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT
AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS
NECESSARY IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of California declared a State of Emergency due to the outbreak and spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus which causes the disease named “coronavirus disease 2019” (abbreviated “COVID-19”); and,

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) issued an updated policy relating to the postpone or cancellation of large and small gatherings across the state of California to protect public health and slow the rate of transmission of COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Governor of California issued Executive Order N-25-20 enhancing state and local government’s ability to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the District prepare for and implement measures to respond to the potential spread of COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the General Manager, including but not limited to a General Manager and any interim or acting General Manager (hereafter collectively “General Manager”), have the tools to ensure the health and safety of staff, families, and the public at District facilities and to ensure operations continue if business and meetings need to be conducted from alternate locations or within virtual meeting environments; and,

WHEREAS, it is imperative that District employees be allowed to take a leave of absence due to being quarantined or staying home after recently returning from Level 3 countries or sick from COVID-19 or illnesses with similar symptoms (e.g., cough, fever, shortness of breath) without suffering pay loss; and,

WHEREAS, the protection of the health and safety and preservation of the lives and property of the peoples of the State from the effects of natural emergencies such as COVID-19 which may result in conditions of disaster or in extreme peril to life, property, and resources is of

paramount State importance requiring the responsible efforts of public and private agencies and individual citizens, and all public employees required to serve as disaster service workers subject to such disaster service activities as may be assigned to them by their superiors or by law under Government Code Section 3100; and,

WHEREAS, Section 1102 of the Public Contract Code and Section 21060.3 of the Public Resources Code defines “emergency” as a “sudden, unexpected occurrence that poses a clear and imminent danger, requiring immediate action to prevent or mitigate the loss of impairment of life, health, property, or essential public services,” and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines 14 CCR Section 15269(c) sets forth emergency projects exempt from the requirements of CEQA,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Idyllwild District’s Board of Directors hereby resolves as follows:

1. The General Manager is authorized to take any and all actions necessary to ensure the health and safety of staff, families, and the public at District facilities and to ensure operations continue if business and meetings need to be conducted from alternate locations or within virtual meeting environments, including but not limited to the following as it relates to COVID-19: implementing policies and procedures in compliance with directives and Executive Orders issued by the United States President, the Governor of California, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health (CalOSHA), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); implementing provisions of leaves of absence to employees with pay due to quarantine or recently returning from Level 3 countries or due to such employees being sick from COVID-19 or illnesses with similar symptoms (cough, fever, shortness of breath) or due to employees being quarantined or self-quarantined because they live with or are caring for co-habitants with COVID-19 or COVID-19 symptoms without any impact to their benefit time; directing staff to serve as disaster service workers pursuant to Government Code Section 3100; and, make alterations, repairs or improvements to District property and/or facilities.

2. The General Manager is authorized to establish a COVID-19 Emergency Response Plan.

3. The General Manager is authorized to establish a temporary work from home program for certain staff

4. The General Manager is authorized to develop protocols to conduct teleconference or videoconference meetings

5. The General Manager is authorized to take all actions necessary to maintain the District’s water service activities.

6. The General Manager is authorized to execute applications for and on behalf of the District’s Board of Directors, a public entity established under the laws of the State of

California, for the purpose of obtaining federal and state financial assistance, and where appropriate insurance pools, in connection with the declared emergency for COVID-19.

7. The General Manager shall provide periodic status updates to the District's Board of Directors, and the state of emergency will be reviewed at future Board meetings until terminated.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Idyllwild District, at a public meeting thereof duly called and held this 1st day of April, 2020.

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