

BOLINAS COMMUNITY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Jennifer Blackman *JUB*

RE: Recommendation to Suspend BCPUD Resolution 680

DATE: November 15, 2021

As detailed in my water supply update memorandum this month, the 2021-22 rain year is off to a much better start than last year. As of November 9, 2021, we have recorded 12.85 inches of rain whereas last year at this same time we had recorded less than one-half of an inch. As a result of this rain, the Arroyo Hondo Creek is recharged (for now) and our reservoirs are nearly full. Water consumption in town remains quite low, averaging less than 50,000 GPD at the present time. While staff does not necessarily expect water consumption to increase significantly at this time of year, staff does not believe it is warranted right now for mandatory rationing to be triggered if consumption should increase to 66,000 GPD on a seven-day running average as per BCPUD Resolution 680. That said, we do not yet know what the rest of the rain year will bring and/or what the water supply conditions will be like this Spring when we will be heading into the historically highest water use periods of Summer and Fall.

Staff therefore recommends that the Board act to “suspend” BCPUD Resolution 680 and that the district’s website be updated to reflect this action. If the Board so acts, staff will remove the “Water Supply Shortage” signs that are posted around town and store them for use later, as needed. Finally, staff either will “edit” the large sign at the entrance to town to temporarily cover the mandatory ration trigger language while at the same time keeping the community informed about daily average water consumption, or remove the sign entirely for now (while continuing to post daily average water consumption information on our website). Staff will continue to keep the Board and community informed about water supply conditions on a regular basis and will apprise the community as to why Resolution 680 has been suspended at the present time. If water supply conditions should warrant the re-imposition of Resolution 680 and its mandatory rationing “trigger”, staff will so advise the Board immediately.