



## ALAMEDA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ZONE 7

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**ORIGINATING SECTION:** INTEGRATED PLANNING  
**CONTACT:** ROBYN NAVARRA / AMPARO FLORES

**AGENDA DATE:** April 17, 2019

**ITEM NO.** 7a

**SUBJECT:** Declaration of May as Water Awareness Month

### **SUMMARY:**

- Water Awareness Month is celebrated in May in California. During the celebration, water agencies throughout the state conduct public outreach and education events to heighten public awareness about water supply and the need for conservation and water use efficiency.
- Zone 7 traditionally recognizes the significance of Water Awareness Month with a Board Resolution of Support and various community activities that highlight the vital role of water and the importance of conservation.
- As a program partner in the “Save Our Water” program—a partnership between the Association of California Water Agencies and the Department of Water Resources—Zone 7 Water Agency (Zone 7) works with the retailers to manage and reduce local water demands through water conservation and water use efficiency.
- Zone 7 also works with local partners and our retailers to promote community water-use awareness events:
  - Fix a Leak Week (March 18-24, 2019) kicked off activities leading up to Water Awareness Month.
  - On May 4<sup>th</sup>, the City of Livermore hosts the Livermore Innovation Fair from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 2400 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Zone 7 will have a booth where kids can get hands on experience testing various aspects of water quality.
  - Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour will occur the next day on May 5<sup>th</sup> and runs from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. See <https://www.bringingbackthenatives.net/view-gardens> for participating locations.
  - Also on May 5<sup>th</sup>, in partnership with the City of Dublin, Zone 7 will host an educational workshop at a pre-selected, private home and includes hands-on experience with lawn conversion and mulching from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Register at <http://www.trivalleywaterwise.com/events/>.
- The Board will be asked at the May Board meeting to recognize winners of the 2018 Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, Science Odyssey Fair. The winning students will be invited to present their projects to the Board.
- Staff recommends that the Board adopt the attached resolution, declaring the month of May as Water Awareness Month with associated public outreach and education activities.

### **FUNDING:**

Not applicable.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Adopt resolution declaring May as Water Awareness Month.

### **ATTACHMENT:**

Resolution

ZONE 7  
ALAMEDA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION NO.

INTRODUCED BY DIRECTOR  
SECONDED BY DIRECTOR

***Declaring May as Water Awareness Month***

WHEREAS, May has historically been designated as Water Awareness Month to highlight the vital role of water and the importance of conservation and water use efficiency; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, SB 606 (Hertzberg) and AB 1668 (Friedman) “Making Conservation A Way of Life” established a new foundation for long-term water conservation and drought planning; and

WHEREAS, the Board supports the Association of California Water Agencies’ Policy Principles on Water Conservation and Water Use Efficiency; and

WHEREAS, staff plans to coordinate with local retailers to host a number of public outreach and educational activities for this year’s Water Awareness Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Zone 7 of the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District supports and declares May as Water Awareness Month with associated public outreach and education activities.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

I certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of Zone 7 of Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District on April 17, 2019.

By \_\_\_\_\_  
President, Board of Directors