September 1, 2015

Board of Supervisors
Kern County Administrative Center
1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301

CONTINUATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO DROUGHT CONDITIONS
Fiscal Impact: None

This is to request that your Board extend the Local Emergency due to drought conditions within Kern County for an additional 30 days.

On January 14, 2014, a Local Emergency was proclaimed by your Board due to conditions of extreme peril to persons and property within Kern County caused by extreme drought conditions.

Section 8630 of the Government Code requires that the Board of Supervisors shall review, at least every 30 days until such local emergency has terminated, the need for continuing the local emergency.

As of this date, the conditions of drought still exist within Kern County. Despite intense isolated rainfall in parts of Southern California during the summer months, Kern County and California are experiencing the driest year on record, and statewide and local water supplies continue to remain extremely low. State and federal water systems have announced deep cutbacks in water deliveries.

THEREFORE, IT IS RECOMMENDED that your Board approve extending the Local Emergency due to drought conditions within Kern County for an additional 30 days.

Sincerely,

John Nilon
County Administrative Officer

cc: Kern County Water Agency
    Agricultural Commissioner
    Office of Emergency Services
    Public Health Services Department