RESOLUTION NO. 2015-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL APPROVING EXECUTION OF A PLEDGE TO PARTNER IN SAVING WATER WITH EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT AND COMMITTING TO A CITYWIDE WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2015, Governor Brown issued an executive order mandating substantial water use reductions across the State; and

WHEREAS, in support of the State’s order, on April 14, 2015, the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) Board of Directors approved mandatory 20-percent cutbacks and stricter outdoor watering rules. The Board also prepared for up to a 25-percent rate increase and penalties for customers who overuse water; and

WHEREAS, EBMUD has requested all cities and counties in the EBMUD service area sign a pledge to partner in saving water; and

WHEREAS, water conservation has been an ongoing priority for the City, with all City Departments implementing water conservation measures, including ongoing collaboration with EBMUD to identify opportunities for further water conservation measures and community outreach; and

WHEREAS, the City continues to work with EBMUD to facilitate deployment of recycled water “purple pipe” for utilization within the City of Albany; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Public Works Department has proactively reduced irrigation citywide by 25%, and has inspected all irrigation systems to help ensure prevention of overspray and runoff; and
WHEREAS, the City utilizes bay friendly landscaping whenever possible, including application of mulch to help reduce the need for irrigation; and

WHEREAS, while water use during a response to a fire or other calls to the Fire Department for service is not restricted, the entire department has implemented water conservation measures during any non-emergency elements of those incidents and has implemented water conservation measures at the fire station; and

WHEREAS, the City's Community Development Department has implemented and enforces water conservation requirements as part of the development review process and works with property owners seeking to implement innovative water conservation design measures including greywater systems; and

WHEREAS, the City is in process of retrofitting City facilities whenever possible to include water efficient fixtures; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albany City Council hereby authorizes execution of a pledge with EBMUD to partner in saving water, included as Exhibit A to this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City remains committed to assisting the community in partnership with EBMUD, other local agencies and non-profit organizations to identify opportunities for water conservation throughout the region, and alert EBMUD of any possible water waste.

PETER MAASS, MAYOR
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PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY,

the 18th day of May, 2015, by the following votes:

AYES:  Council Members Barnes, McQuaid, Nason, Pilch, and Mayor Maass

NOES: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAINED: none

RECUSED: none

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this 19th
day of May, 2015.

Eileen Harrington
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DEPUTY CITY CLERK

The City of Albany is dedicated to maintaining its small town ambiance, responding to the needs of a diverse community, and providing a safe, healthy and sustainable community.