

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-18

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YREKA
ADOPTING THE 2025 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN AND
2025 WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN AND MAKING THE
FINDINGS THAT THE PROJECT IS EXEMPT FROM THE
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (“CEQA”)**

WHEREAS, the Urban Water Management Planning Act (UWMPA) requires urban water suppliers serving over 3,000 customers annually to prepare and adopt an urban water management plan every five years, and demonstrate water supply reliability in a normal year, single dry year, and droughts lasting at least five years over a twenty-year planning horizon.; and

WHEREAS, the UWMPA also requires each urban water supplier to prepare a drought risk assessment and water shortage contingency plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Yreka owns and operates the water distribution system and water treatment facility that provides retail service to a population of 7,879 via 3,555 connections for residential, commercial, institutional, industrial and landscape irrigation demands; and

WHEREAS, the City qualifies as a Retail Urban Water Supplier as described in Water Code §10617, providing water for municipal purposes to more than 3,000 customers or 3,000 acre-feet of water per year, thus requiring the preparation and adoption of an Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) and Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP); and

WHEREAS, the City coordinated the preparation of this UWMP with other appropriate agencies adjacent to its service area, including water management agencies and relevant public entities in accordance with Water Code §10620(d)(3); and

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2025, the City provided notification to all affected cities and counties at least 60 days prior to the public hearing on this UWMP update, ensuring adequate opportunity for review and participation in compliance with Water Code §10621(b); and

WHEREAS, the City conducted outreach to community stakeholders and encouraged the involvement of diverse social, cultural, and economic elements within the service area, as required under Water Code §10642; and

WHEREAS, the City held a publicly noticed hearing on May 19, 2026, to review and consider adoption of the 2025 UWMP and associated WSCP. The hearing provided an opportunity for community members and regional stakeholders to comment on the proposed Plan in compliance with Water Code §10642; and

WHEREAS, the City, as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq., "CEQA") and CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15000 et seq.), conducted environmental review of the proposed project and determined that the Project is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to Water Code Section 10652; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Yreka, California, as follows:

Section 1. Incorporation of Recitals. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference as though set forth in full.

Section 2. CEQA Findings. The Council finds and determines that, under the California Water Code Section 10652, the adoption of the Plan and the WSCP do not constitute a project under the California Environmental Quality Act, and no environmental assessment is required.

Section 3. Plan Adoption. The City Council hereby adopts the final 2025 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan, dated May 1, 2026, as modified, if at all, through changes in the public hearing.

Section 4. Authorization of City Officials. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to:

- a. File the 2025 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan with the California Department of Water Resources within 30 days of adoption and no later than June 18, 2026.
- b. Submit a copy of the 2025 UWMP and WSCP to the California State Library not later than 30 days after adoption.
- c. Implement the 2025 UWMP and WSCP consistent with the City of Yreka Municipal Code, adopted Water Master Plan, other applicable law, and other formal action of the Board.

Section 5. Severability. If any provision of this Resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are declared to be severable.

Section 6. Certification and Recordkeeping. The City Clerk is hereby directed to certify the adoption of this Resolution. The City Clerk is designated as the custodian of the record of proceedings upon which this Resolution is based, maintained at City Hall, 701 4th Street, Yreka, California 96097.

Section 7. Effective Date of Resolution. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Yreka at a duly noticed regular meeting of the City Council held on the 19th day of May, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Davis, Middleton, Clair & Baker

NOES: -0-

ABSTAIN: -0-

ABSENT: Councilmember McCoy




Colleen Baker, Mayor

ATTEST:



Cyndy Prohaska, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Julia Homaechevarria, City Attorney