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**Water conservation act**

In the Senate of the Student Government Association

of BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE

OCTOBER 17, 2014

Submitted by PRESIDENT DOMINGUEZ to the SENATE

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**A Resolution**

WATER CONSERVATION ACT

*Whereas, the role of a community college is to serve the students and the community;*

*Whereas, Bakersfield and Kern County’s biggest industries are agriculture and oil & natural gas, the Student Government Association should take special interest in the status of these industries;*

*Whereas, of Friday, January 17th, 2014, California State Governor Jerry Brown, declared a drought emergency and asks the people of California to cut back their water usage by at least twenty percent.*

*Whereas, according the Kern County Farm Bureau, this year’s federal water deliveries were cut from twelve percent to zero percent and state water deliverers were cut from twenty- one percent to five percent.*

*Whereas, our sister college of Porterville has opened their facilities for their residents due to the fact that the east side of their community is running dry of water.*

*Whereas, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor, Bakersfield and nearby Kern communities are the worst in drought conditions in the nation*;

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the Student Government Association,*

1. *We will work with college administration to make sure that our college campus is cutting back at least twenty percent of water usage if not more and that we will advocate for both long term and short term water conservation methods;*

*Be it further resolved by the Senate of the Student Government Association,*

1. *We will work with our students and our community to properly educate them on the issues at hand and provide transparency on how our college campus is cutting back and the status of any projects on campus pertaining to water conservation.*

 *Be it further resolved by the Senate of the Student Government Association,*

 *a) We respectfully request that the Secretary-Historian transmit a copy of this resolution to President and all Vice Presidents of Bakersfield College, the Chancellor of the Kern Community College District and to the Board of Trustees for the Kern Community College District.*

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