

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-14**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
RUNNING SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT ADOPTING A  
BROWN ACT COMPLIANCE POLICY AND INCORPORATING  
THE BROWN ACT INTO THE DISTRICT'S BY-LAWS**

**WHEREAS**, in 1953 California Assembly Member Ralph M. Brown drafted and secured the enactment of the State's local government open meeting act, now known as the Brown Act; and

**WHEREAS**, independent of the requirements of state law, special districts across California, such as the Running Springs Water District ("District"), are firmly committed to transparency and openness in their operations and governance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Brown Act represents the Legislature's determination of how the balance should be struck between public access to meetings of the District's Board meetings on the one hand and the need for confidential deliberations on the other; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature has established a presumption in favor of public access to facilitate public participation in local government decisions and to curb misuse of the democratic process by secret decision making outside the open meeting requirements of the Brown Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the Brown Act requires that all deliberative processes by District Board members, including public discussion, debate and acquisition of information, be open to public scrutiny, comment and participation, subject to certain limited exceptions that allow certain matters to be considered in closed session; and

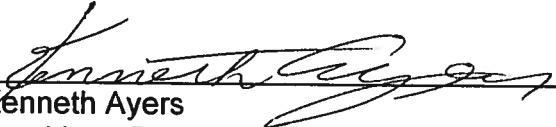
**WHEREAS**, this Board remains committed to the public's right to participate meaningfully in meetings, and to review documents used in decision-making at a relevant point in time; the right to confidentially address certain negotiations, personnel matters, claims and litigation; and the right of the press to fully understand and communicate public agency decision-making.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors of Running Springs Water District is committed to applying and complying with the Brown Act, and hereby incorporates the Brown Act and all future amendments to the Brown Act into the Bylaws of the Board of Directors of the Running Springs Water District.


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors of the Running Springs Water District will comply with similar transparency requirements including, but not limited to, Articles X and XI of the Bylaws of the Board of Directors of the Running Springs Water District.

[Signatures on next page]

ADOPTED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014.

  
Kenneth Ayers  
President, Board of Directors  
Running Springs Water District

ATTEST:

  
Board Secretary