

RESOLUTION 10-11

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE TWENTYNINE PALMS WATER DISTRICT
OPPOSING CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 1258 KNOWN AS
THE "EMERGENCY RESPONSE INITIATIVE"**

WHEREAS, the Twentynine Palms Water District governs the operation of the Twentynine Palms Fire Department providing fire protection to approximately 20,000 residents across 87 square miles; and,

WHEREAS, the Twentynine Palms Water District receives no portion of the general tax levy and operates the Twentynine Palms Fire Department with revenue generated by a voter approved special tax that directly and specifically supports the provision of local fire protection; and,

WHEREAS, California Senate Bill 1258 proposes to establish a 4.8 percent surcharge on all residential and commercial property insurance statewide; and,

WHEREAS, California Senate Bill 1258, is in fact, a backdoor tax to pay for fire protection programs the State of California could not otherwise properly budget for; and,

WHEREAS, California Senate Bill 1258 fails to guarantee that any portion of the revenue generated by property owners and residents of Twentynine Palms will directly and automatically return to the Twentynine Palms Fire Department to fund and improve local fire protection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Twentynine Palms Water District opposes California Senate Bill 1258 which will create an additional "tax" burden on the property owners and residents of Twentynine Palms without providing a direct return benefit towards improved local fire protection.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of May 2010 by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Chambers, Cisneros, Moore and Shinaver
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Director Gallagher

Philip C. Cisneros, President
Board of Directors

Attest:

Mike Wright, Board Secretary
Twentynine Palms Water District