

CITY OF OJAI
Resolution No. 11-22

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OJAI, CALIFORNIA,
IN SUPPORT OF THE EFFORTS OF OJAI F.L.O.W. (FRIENDS OF LOCALLY OWNED WATER)
TO FIND A LOCAL, ECONOMICAL SOLUTION
TO OJAI'S WATER RESOURCE NEEDS**

WHEREAS, the City of Ojai benefits when local residents and businesses have access to needed resources in a reliable, economically-feasible manner; and

WHEREAS, one of the most important resources for any community is water; and

WHEREAS, it is in the City's best interests to ensure that residents, businesses and all water customers have access to a quality water supply that meets the needs of the City in terms of its health and economic well-being; and

WHEREAS, the City is concerned that the cost for water paid by local residents and businesses is greater than surrounding communities (and is increasing faster as well), which puts Ojai at an economic disadvantage for attracting new businesses and places an undue financial burden on residents; and

WHEREAS, a local organization known as Ojai F.L.O.W. (Ojai Friends of Locally Owned Water) has organized to find an alternative to the current water supplier, Golden State Water Company, which provides service to the majority of water customers within the City; and

WHEREAS, Ojai FLOW has recently petitioned the Board of Directors of the Casitas Municipal Water District to consider FLOW's proposal that Casitas become the provider to those customers in the City currently served by Golden State.


**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OJAI, CALIFORNIA,
DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AND ORDER, AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. That the City of Ojai supports the efforts of Ojai F.L.O.W. (Ojai Friends of Locally Owned Water) to find a local, economical solution to Ojai's water resource needs.

SECTION 2. That the City of Ojai hereby urges the Board of Directors of Casitas Municipal Water District to seriously study and give due consideration to the proposal by Ojai FLOW to have Casitas become the provider of water to Golden State's Ojai water customers.


PASSED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of April, 2011 by the following vote:

AYES: Blatz, Clapp, Strobel, Smith
NOES: None
ABSENT: Horgan
ABSTAIN: None



Carol Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:



Rhonda K. Basore
Deputy City Clerk/Records Manager