

**BOROUGH OF WOODLAND PARK
PASSAIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R14-145**

**SUPPORT NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS’
AND PASSAIC COUNTY BOARD OF REALTORS’
REQUEST – PUBLIC MEETINGS REGARDING
PVWC RESERVOIRS**

WHEREAS, the Passaic Valley Water Commission (PVWC) has entered into an Amended Administrative Consent Order with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regarding the proposed draining of the New Street and Great Notch reservoirs in Woodland Park and the Stanley Levine reservoir in the City of Paterson and construction of storage tanks in their place; and

WHEREAS, it is the position of the New Jersey Association of Realtors (NJAR) and the Passaic County Board of Realtors (PCBOR) that the draining of these reservoirs and the construction of storage tanks in their place will have a potential decrease in property values near the reservoirs; the possibility of significant increases in water bills to pay for this project; and loss of recreational opportunities near the three reservoirs; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of NJAR and PCBOR that a major concern has been the lack of public information released by the PVWC and that no public information sessions have taken place prior to the approval of the plans by the DEP in 2012; and

WHEREAS, the NJAR and PCBOR have communicated with Mr. Robert Martin, Commissioner DEP, requesting that the DEP extend the initial July 1, 2014 deadline for the submission of design documents and permit applications, and all other deadlines, for the three reservoirs as they believe that PVWC should be required to hold public information sessions so that the residents of Woodland Park and Paterson and other surrounding communities are provided the opportunity to voice their opinions regarding the plans to drain these reservoirs; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodland Park, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, fully support the position taken by the NJAR and PCBOR;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodland Park, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, hereby support the request made to Commissioner Robert Martin by the NJAR and PCBOR, for the DEP to order the PVWC to hold public information sessions so that the residents of Woodland Park and Paterson and other surrounding communities are provided the opportunity to voice their opinions regarding the plans to drain these reservoirs, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. Robert Martin, DEP Commissioner.

Record of Mayor and Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent		AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Spinelli					Kallert				
DeCesare					Pascrell				
Gatti					Mayor Kazmark				
Holloway									

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodland Park at a regular scheduled meeting held on the 14th day of May, 2014. Signed and sealed before me.

Kevin Galland, Municipal Clerk

May 14, 2014
Dated