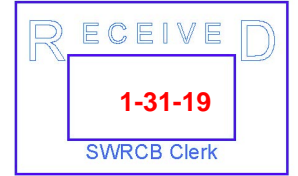


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I believe that if we put the burden on our Water Retailers in California of implementing a “Statewide Low-Income Water Rate Assistance Program”, we will be causing a financial burden of millions of dollars in administrative cost. This enormous amount of cost would be better served in providing water conservation. So, my suggestion of providing an alternative assistance to low-income individuals is to provide a State credit on the California tax returns. Like what the State of California provides to renters “a renters tax credit”. This Low-Income Water Rate Assistance could be a tax credit against the California’s Tax Liability or a tax credit that could be received as a tax refund.