

To Whom it May Concern,

Anderson has a unique situation. We do not use any surface water from the Sacramento River, we are 100% ground water and our well levels are still normal. We have water! The City was wise when it developed its water system and made sure it would have water without needing any surface water allocations. We are the only major user in the aquifer. Years ago we had a lumber mill and a paper mill, both huge consumers of water, today both of these are gone.

More ironic yet is that having the City of Anderson reduce its production by 35% will decrease the available water in the Sacramento River, not increase it! The City of Anderson is a recycler of water through its waste water treatment plant. Normally, on average, the city is a million gallon a day treatment facility and discharges directly into the Sacramento River. Now if less water is coming in to the treatment plant less water will be going out of it and there will be less water in the river for consumption by downstream users and habitat.

Of a larger concern is the effect it will have on our parks and other large grass area's in the City. Even though we have the water, we will be mandated to let all of it die with a 35% reduction. We will ruin tens of thousands of dollars in sport fields and picnic area's for family's to enjoy. We will not hire normal summer help to mow and maintain the grass fields, so the economic effects will be far reaching. The revenue loss from cutting production will be over \$100,000 to the water fund. We can't raise rates high enough to offset this cost. The City would need an additional \$300 per customer to pay for the mandated 35% reduction.

I notice that one of the water district's in San Diego is only being required to reduce consumption by 10% yet they truly are at the end of the pipe and have no water. Why aren't pools being drained in the south part of the State? I happened to be in Sacramento today and noticed that the Capital lawns have never been greener! It's very hard for us in Anderson to understand how a City that set up its water infrastructure to be sustainable is now on the hook to reduce consumption that will have no effect on the problem.

The tier system is flawed! The City of Anderson is being benched marked against dis-similar cities. A quick evaluation of the tiers shows that cities with mostly high density housing, homes with small too no yards and more or less cities that are concrete jungles are Tier 1, as their per capita consumption is low. They have no yards or lawns or may not even have a car. They don't need green belts to protect them from wild fires and they don't have gardens to provide for healthy affordable eating. Their average daily temperature in the summer may also only be in the 70's. In Anderson, the lots can be large and the average temperature is in the 100's. We have some multi-family housing, but we have mostly single family housing. We have gardens, lawns and parks. It's the affordable life style that this community offers. Therefor our per capita water consumption is higher and it puts us in Tier 4. There is no evaluation how local temperature plays into the per capita consumption of water. There is no evaluation of where the water comes from, no evaluation of what happens when our city turns into a fire camp for surrounding wildfires and the water that is used to suppress those fire efforts.

In San Francisco they only would have to reduce their use by 10%, because of the flawed tiers method. Yet the water comes from the Sierra snowpack to the Hetch Hetchy Project and there is no snow pack, last measured at 5% of normal. Yet in Anderson, where the aquifer is full and just north, Lake Shasta that is higher than it was a year ago we are to reduce our consumption by 35% as we are considered to be in Tier 4!

Everyone understands that they need to do their part, but the rational has to be reasonable and understandable and it currently is not. Per capita use does not evaluate the need, the supply, the climatic condition, or what if any benefit a savings of water in a local area does for the State as a whole.

Please contact me for any questions. Jeff

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