

April 22, 2015

Jessica Bean
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95812

Dear Jessica:

I am writing to request that the State Water Resources Control Board incorporate into the emergency regulations a provision requiring water districts to allow customers to appeal the automatic reduction based on changed circumstances from 2013 significantly impacting water use.

During 2013, the date from which reductions will be measured, my husband and I were living in a very small 2 bedroom cottage on our 1 acre lot while our house was being built. We did not use any exterior irrigation or water use during 2013 as there was no landscape on any part of the lot. To comply with our permit requirements so we could obtain our final approval, we installed perimeter landscaping (natives and drought tolerant shrubs and trees) in the winter of 2013. Because of the drought, we left large areas on the interior of our property without landscape and irrigation and those areas remain unplanted today.

We now live in a new home (with all low flow appliances) and there are 6 of us living in our new house. While we completely agree with, and understand the need to conserve water (which we have been doing), it would not be reasonable or fair to base our reduction allocation (35%) off the water we used during the summer of 2013 when there were two of us living in a small cottage without any exterior water use. We respectfully request the State Water Board include in its emergency regulations the right of customers to appeal the reduction allocation based on changed circumstances significantly impacting their water use.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Kimberly McMorrow
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