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State Water Resources Conservation Board
Sacramento, California

Attn.: Jessica Bean

PUBLIC COMMENT ON DRAFT EMERGENCY MANDATORY REGULATIONS PURSUANT TO GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER OF APRIL 1, 2015 (B-29-15)

Dear Ms. Bean:

As a resident of one of the areas that has some of the highest water consumption per capita, I am writing to support and urge immediate adoption of the proposed emergency regulations.

That said, I invite your attention to the following specific sections:

Article 22.5

Section 864(c)(2), related to the reduction in water consumption of some commercial, industrial, and institutional properties:

I recommend substituting the phrase "25 percent" with language that provides for a 25 percent floor, but requiring a mandatory reduction percentage equal to that of the closest adjoining water supplier, if it is higher than 25 percent. This is consistent with the Directive 2 in the Governor's order, calling for areas with high per capita use to achieve correspondingly higher reductions than those with low water use. In my own area, for example, it would be awkward to have some have a lower percentage in water reduction than others.

Section 865(b)(2), related to reports: I recommend that water suppliers be directed to provide to local jurisdictions within their areas of service, corresponding reports that, to the extent possible, will serve to inform local officials and jurisdictions in the water supplier's area of service, of the water consumption within those local jurisdictions. I believe this is necessary because the water saving efforts should not be borne exclusively by water suppliers, and any collaboration by informed local jurisdictions is useful to inform the public.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of my suggestions.

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