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Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board State Water Resources Control Board 1001 I Street, 24th Floor Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Townsend:

The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, on behalf of the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts, appreciates this opportunity to provide comments to the State Water Resources Control Board regarding possible additional modifications to the Extended Emergency Water Conservation Regulation, in consideration of current water supply conditions.

The Department is providing comments in response to the three questions posed in the meeting notice:

- 1. What elements of the existing February 2016 Emergency Regulation, if any, should be modified and how so?
- The regulation should modify the water conservation standard in consideration of improved water supplies for 2016, along with an urban water suppliers available supplies relative to its demand.
- Any future conservation standards should take into consideration population density, land use, seasonal climate variations, and Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones as designated by Cal-Fire.
- 2. How should the State Water Board account for regional differences in precipitation and lingering drought impacts, and what would be the methods of doing so?
- The State should consult with wholesale water agencies serving the urban water suppliers to identify potential shortfalls in supplies when making a determination as to whether mandatory conservation is warranted.
- 3. To what extent should the State Water Board consider the reliability of urban water supplier supply portfolios in this emergency regulation?
- The State Water Board should to a great extent consider the water supply reliability of an urban water supplier. If an urban water supplier demonstrates that there is no imbalance between supply and demand, such a demonstration should also be given significant consideration.

Thank you for considering these comments.

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