



CITY OF FAIRFIELD

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Re: Comments regarding SWRCB Draft Drinking Water Fee Regulations

Dear Ms. Townsend:

The City of Fairfield is responsible for providing water service to a population of over 100,000, through approximately 29,000 residential and commercial connections. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the State Water Resources Control Board's ("SWRCB") draft Drinking Water Fee Regulations released for public comment on April 29, 2016 ("Draft Fee Regulations").

The City of Fairfield recognizes that the final Fee Regulations must ensure that the Drinking Water Program has adequate funding. However, we are concerned that the Draft Fee Regulations do not equitably allocate Drinking Water Program costs among fee payers. We also encourage the SWRCB to take steps to ensure that the Drinking Water Program maintains its accountability to public water systems and the customers we serve. **The City of Fairfield supports the Association of California Water Agencies' comments and suggested amendments to the Draft Fee Regulations, including the Water Community Option for the fee schedule.**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Fee Regulations. The City of Fairfield encourages the SWRCB and its staff to continue to work with public water systems and their representatives on this important issue. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (707) 428-7481 or friesenberg@fairfield.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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C: George R. Hicks