

Comment Letters

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Subject: Regulatory Framework for Water Conservation

On behalf of the City of Cathedral City, thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed regulatory framework for extending the statewide water reduction mandate. Cathedral City would like to make sure that the following items are considered in the new framework:

1. Some type of credit or consideration should be given to water providers who had conservation measures in place prior to the state mandate being issued. Coachella Valley water providers have had conservation measures in place, including turf removal incentives, for several years and the City of Cathedral City has offered an incentive beyond the water district programs as well.
2. Some consideration should be given to communities with a large seasonal population. Measures based on per capita usage do not reflect the fact that water is consumed by visitors and part year residents, thus inflating the per capita usage calculations when they are based on year-round population figures.
3. Cities should not be penalized for watering municipal parks. As more and more homes convert to desert landscaping the importance of public parks increases and cities should not suffer financial penalties for keeping recreation fields in city parks green.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed framework. Water conservation is important to us all and you can rest assured the City has done and continues to do our part to save water.