

**commentletters - "Comment Letter-Proposal to Mandate Water Conservation Management Practices."**

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We are commenting on the proposed URBAN WATER CONSERVATION REGULATORY PROGRAM

Here are our comments.

1. Is this a duplication of effort? Many local governments have been proactively anticipating drought and already have water management plans. Those communities should be allowed to pursue what they have determined to work best for them. Why should they have to pay the state to tell them what we're already doing?
2. The State has the resources to collect and evaluate all of the BMP's. Reports and recommendations should be provided to local governments and technical assistance provided if requested. That should be the extent of State's involvement as far as mandates. The cost of water/pumping will incentivize local government's to conserve.
3. Implementation of this program will generate more revenue for SWRB, expanding it's authority and scope. In today's economic climate, we need to focus on reducing government costs.
4. Will create additional unnecessary TAXES on local governments.
5. Our water basin and use patterns are not the same as the Delta or even LA County. Unique challenges and differences must be acknowledged.

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