



San Juan
Unified School District

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Ms. Bean;

Please accept this letter regarding the San Juan Unified School District's comments on the proposed drought regulations.

The San Juan Unified School District provides K-12 grade public education to approximately 40,000 students in the suburban Sacramento area. Like all California public school districts, our district is mandated by Education Code to provide safe and well maintained school facilities. Fields used for PE activities and high school sports programs are school facilities.

The proposed day and hour irrigation restrictions place us in an untenable situation in efforts to substantially reduce irrigation water use. We simply cannot provide safe playfields and sports fields and comply with day and hour irrigation requirements. We are asking for the ability for our school district to choose how we meet the state mandated reduction goals. Specifically, we are asking for the following:

1. Exemption from day/hour irrigation limitations
2. Ability to measure savings by looking at the aggregate of our meters (not as individual meters)
3. Development of a process to consider the safety condition of school PE and sports fields as the drought progresses

The severity of the current drought requires the commitment of all Californians to meet water use reduction goals. As a public agency customer of multiple water districts and an education institution, the San Juan Unified School District must help set the example to achieve water savings. We feel our proposed measures will allow us to save water and at the same time meet our obligation to provide a safe environment for our students and staff.

Sincerely,

David Burke
Director of Planning and Property Management