I respectively request that the governor reconsiders his position that every region in the state makes mandatory cutbacks based upon per capita use, without taking into account the regions' existing supplies, alternative new water sources and conservation done prior to 2013. The San Diego County Union Tribune has detailed projects such as the Carlsbad desalination plant that will be completed later this year, the Imperial Irrigation District ag to urban transfer, collecting water seepage from lining the All American Canal and raising San Vicente Dam to increase our water storage. Additionally, many cities in the San Diego Area reclaim their waste water and use it for irrigation purposes for municipal property irrigation, parks and agriculture, thereby freeing up potable water.

Other regions pale in comparison. In fact, many Sacramento residents are still without water meters and are not scheduled to have installation completed until 2025. This is one of the very first steps in water conservation. Additionally, my research has shown there is no waste water reclamation project in the Sacramento and surrounding regions. If the municipalities had invested in this kind of project years ago, like San Diego did, that would have added to their water supply portfolio and reduced the effects of this drought.

Instead of penalizing the San Diego region by mandating the same cuts across the state without giving any credit to what we have already accomplished, the Governor should have held us up as a model for what can be done to increase regional self-reliance. It's not too late to still do this.

I recognize that we all need to make cuts, but please leave it up to the regions and water districts to decide how those cuts should be implemented.

Thank-you.

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