

Ms Bean;

As a general comment on the “Mandatory Conservation Achieving a 25% Statewide Reduction in Potable Urban Water Use”, I live in a rural area (Humboldt County), and see this as another regulation or requirement written for urban areas and no thought given to rural areas. Ninety-five (95)% of California lives in 5% of CA. The Waterboard's focus should be in those urban areas.

The Waterboard should develop a criteria on whether/where/when/how this Executive Order should apply. It should disqualify many of us (such as where I live since Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District has more than three years water supply in reserve and has not been adversely affected by the drought). It should also disqualify those jurisdictions that have been taking extreme water conservation measures already who would be unjustly affected by requiring them to reduce by the same certain percentage as those jurisdictions that have done little thus far.

What I am really saying is when new regulations/implementation measures are passed please consider rural areas separately from urban areas.

As a past member of OPRs Rural Focus Group I stand with many others who feel that the 'rural' voice is rarely heard and you have an opportunity to consider it here.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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