

To the members of the California State Water Resources Control Board:

I would like to offer a suggestion regarding the upcoming regulations relating to mandatory reduction of water usage.

As the Board is certainly aware, there are many existing communities in California with significant Wildland Urban Interface Zones.

Fuel Modification Zones are statutorily required to be maintained for the protection of persons, property, and firefighters.

Some Fuel Mod Zones are on private property and it is the responsibility of the property owner to irrigate and maintain these landscaped areas for the protection of the entire community.

In other areas the Fuel Mod Zone may be the responsibility of a HOA, special district, or city or county.

In each case, these zones are critical infrastructure which must to be maintained for the safety of the community, especially as drought may make increase the occurrence or intensity of wildland fires.

Please add a provision in your reduction plan exempting Fuel Modification Zones from mandatory reductions, and allow these critical Zones to be irrigated and maintained as may be necessary for public safety, to the satisfaction of the fire agency having jurisdiction.

Lindon Baker  
Yorba Linda, CA