



Dear Water Board Members,

We have a comment on the Proposed Emergency Rulemaking.

We saw recently that the baseline period for measuring water conservation changed from 2014 to 2013. In general we have no issue with that, however, in our personal case our home was under construction for most of 2013. All of our landscaping was ripped out, we had limited bathroom access for some periods and often showered at the gym for several months. The good news for water conservation is our landscaping was all replaced with more drought resistant plantings, but these new plantings do use some water vs. in 2013 when we did no outdoor irrigation at all for several months in the summer.

I believe there needs to be a process for an individual homeowner to have a different baseline year in circumstances such as this. We could use 2014 as a baseline or 2012 as a baseline or some avg of the two, but if we have to use 2013 as a baseline year from which to measure our conservation efforts, that would pose a significant and unfair burden on our family.

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