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Subject: Emergency Conservation Regulation



May 4, 2015

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State Water Resources Control Board
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I object to the proposed emergency water regulations recently published by the California Water Resources Control Board. While it's critical that the state's residential sector reduce water use to a much greater extent than it has done thus far, the proposed regulations appear to conserve water almost entirely by the savings of residential consumers. These users represent a small fraction of California's water consumption.

Please see the attached CWB Fact Sheet for examples (page 3) indicating that industry and commercial businesses will be spared from mandatory reductions in water use by increasing residential reductions well above a given water district's required conservation percentage.

The pain is not being spread evenly. It's impossible to believe that industrial and agricultural users cannot reduce their use through conservation measures. As in our economy, the water resource budget is now being balanced on the backs of consumers, especially low-income households, to spare industrial and commercial users from inconvenience.

It is incumbent on citizens, environmental and social services organizations to challenge the Water Board's regulatory supposition that water use reduction by manufacturers and businesses is not possible. We are suffering more from a lack of transparency and accurate, detailed information and uneven distribution than we are a lack of water. Who is using the water, how much are they using and why?

Clear and consistent and accurate data on water usage is missing on all levels. Data should be very clear as to how much water is being used per gallon, and per acre foot per day, per month, per year. Timing of water data should be posted clearly - is it fiscal year? is it calendar year? People are not being given the information they need to make critical decisions that will

affect them and their children far into the future. **All water suppliers should be mandated to immediately post accurate water usage information publicly at their websites**, by user group and separate into specific categories such as:

Single Family Residential

Multi Family Residential

Vacation Rental

Commercial -

Lodging

Restaurant

Retail

Schools

Parks

Golf Course

Playground

Swimming Pools

Other

Cemeteries

Industry

Government Offices

Government use other

Government use internal accounts and be specific - for what purpose;

Agriculture on all levels - BE SPECIFIC

Wineries should not be considered Agriculture. Wine is not food. The Wine Industry has decimated the largest aquifer in the State of California - the Salinas Aquifer.

The Governor should not allow the drought's impacts to be felt solely by residential water users, rather than ag, industry, and commercial users.

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Fact Sheet:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/drought/docs/emergency_regulations/emergency_reg_fact_sheet_20150428.pdf

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**Subject: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and
Emergency Regulation Digest**



**This is a message from the State Water Resources
Control
Board.**

The Notice of Proposed Emergency Rulemaking and the Emergency Regulations Digest for the Proposed Emergency Regulation that will be considered by the State Water Board at its May 5-6, 2015 meeting have been posted online

at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/drought/emergency_mandatory_regulations.shtml.

The Notice of Proposed Emergency Rulemaking begins a formal comment period that will conclude on May 4, 2015 at 10:00am. During this formal notice period, written comments must be received by 10:00am on Monday, May 4, 2015 and addressed to:

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Comment letters may be submitted electronically in pdf text format (less than 15 megabytes in total size) to the Clerk of the Board via e-mail at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov. If the file is greater than 15 megabytes in total size, then the comment letter may be submitted by fax at (916) 341-5620. All comments should indicate on the subject line: "Comment Letter – Emergency Conservation Regulation."
