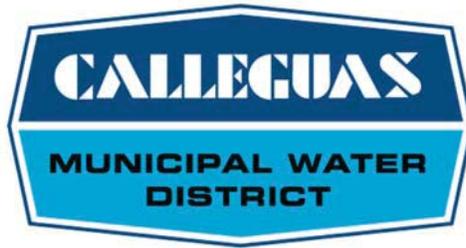


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(6/22/16) Public Hearing
Drinking Water Fee
Deadline: 6/22/16 by 5:00pm

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, California 95814



Re: Comments regarding SWRCB Draft Drinking Water Fee Regulations

Dear Ms. Townsend:

Calleguas Municipal Water District (Calleguas) is a public wholesale water agency responsible for supplying potable water to over twenty local agencies and private companies in cities and unincorporated areas in Ventura County. Three-quarters of Ventura County residents depend on Calleguas for all or part of their water supply, as the District supplies more than 630,000 people in the communities of Bell Canyon, Camarillo, Camarillo Heights, Lake Sherwood, Las Posas Estates, Moorpark, Oak Park, Oxnard, NAWA-Point Mugu, NCBC-Port Hueneme, Newbury Park, Port Hueneme, Santa Rosa Valley, Simi Valley, Somis, and Thousand Oaks. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the State Water Resources Control Board's ("SWRCB") draft Drinking Water Fee Regulations released for public comment on April 29, 2016 ("Draft Fee Regulations").

Calleguas recognizes that the final Fee Regulations must ensure that the Drinking Water Program has adequate funding. However, we are concerned that the Draft Fee Regulations do not equitably allocate Drinking Water Program costs among fee payors. We also encourage the SWRCB to take steps to ensure that the Drinking Water Program maintains its accountability to public water systems and the customers we serve. **Calleguas supports the Association of California Water Agencies' comments and suggested amendments to the Draft Fee Regulations, including the Water Community Option for the fee schedule.**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Fee Regulations. Calleguas encourages the SWRCB and its staff to continue to work with public water systems and their representatives on this important issue. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Amy Maday at amaday@calleguas.com or at 805.579.7117.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "T. Goff".

Tony Goff
Manager of Operations and Maintenance
Calleguas Municipal Water District