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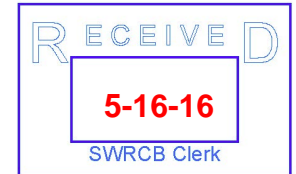
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WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT'S MISSION IS TO PROVIDE A RELIABLE,
SAFE-DRINKING WATER SUPPLY TO MEET OUR CUSTOMERS' PRESENT
AND FUTURE NEEDS AT A REASONABLE COST AND TO PROMOTE
WATER-USE EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION.

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May 16, 2016

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Townsend,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the May 9, 2016 update to emergency drought regulations originally adopted in 2014 following Executive Orders B-26-14 and B-28-14. At the time, the State was experiencing ongoing drought conditions with little expected relief on the horizon. Since that time, local, regional, and state agencies have worked together to build on conservation efforts in place beginning in 2010 (SB 7X_7) and also to better estimate supply and demand going forward.

On May 9, 2016, the Governor issued Executive Order B-37-16 which outlined a process for reflecting differing conditions across the state. We are appreciative of the recognition that a "one size fits all" approach, while perhaps necessary during the previous emergency conditions, is not a long-term strategy that benefits the State from an economic and environmental perspective. Allowing local agencies the flexibility when setting localized conservation targets allows factors like anticipated growth, weather conditions, current and anticipated demand, and projected supplies to be considered.

Conservation is indeed a way of life for the State of California and the West Valley Water District (WVWD). Prior to the 2014 Executive Order, WVWD was seeing ongoing reductions in demand of 10-15% consistent with the goals of SB 7X_7. The 2014 regulations and subsequent updates required additional conservation goals of 28-32%. We strived to meet those goals through conservation efforts such as residential and commercial turf replacement programs, as well as rebates on items like water efficient toilets, nozzles, washers, and irrigation controls. Our conservation staff also works with residential properties to perform water audits in order to help work with residents to develop an ongoing plan for their home that conserves water.

Conservation efforts have been successful, as have efforts to boost supplies. WVWD is at the forefront of new technologies to remove perchlorate, nitrates, and trichloroethylene from previously



contaminated wells in the Rialto-Colton Groundwater Basin. These efforts will help provide new sources of water for our residents and businesses to help support economic development in our region. This is particularly important in a region that struggles to recover from the recession. WWVD's service area is largely situated within disadvantaged communities census tracts as determined by CalEnviroScreen. It is critical that we do everything we can to not only help these residents continue to conserve to help reduce their monthly water bills, but also to help promote economic growth in the region to provide much needed jobs for our community.

We appreciate the recognition that in order to continue to make conservation a way of life, local flexibility is an extremely valuable tool in achieving that goal. WWVD looks forward to working with you as we move forward to tackle these challenges as partners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cliff O. Young", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Dr. Clifford O. Young, Sr.
President, Board of Directors