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Via Email To: commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov



State Water Resources Control Board
Attn: Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
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RE: May 18, 2016 Board Meeting (Conservation Extended Emergency Regulation)

Chair Marcus and Members of the Board:

The Valley of the Moon Water District (VOMWD) would like to thank you for your shift towards recognizing local investments in water supplies and local water supply conditions.

The following is to specifically address the two major topics being considered by the SWRCB:

1. Self-Certification

Yes. VOMWD believes this action is appropriate given the diversity of water supply sources, investments in local supply and conservation achieved through long-term demand management programs. This process aligns with other water policy planning activities such as the Urban Water Management Plan and Urban Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

2. Conservation Floor

No. This would defeat the purpose of self-certification and cause a state mandated conservation requirement in areas that have sufficient local supplies. In locations where reservoirs fill and spill even in drought years, imposing a mandate does not generate additional water, but does result in artificial rate increases. The floor is already in place based on compliance with SB X7-7.

Thank you for taking the time to hear from water agencies in your effort to improve the conservation regulation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel Muelrath".

Daniel Muelrath
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