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Transmitted via email to the Clerk of the Board at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov.

**RE: COMMENT LETTER, 5/9/2016 EXTENDED EMERGENCY REGULATION
RULEMAKING WATER CONSERVATION**

Dear Ms. Townsend:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Staff Proposal for Extended Emergency Regulation for Urban Water Conservation. As you are aware, the Sacramento region reduced water use by nearly 20% in 2014 and more than 30% in 2015 in response to both local conditions and statewide mandates. With the proposed changes to the Emergency Regulation, the City will continue to pursue long term improvements in water use efficiency. By implementing the Water Shortage Contingency Plan contained in the City's Urban Water Management Plan, the City is able to respond changing water supply conditions.

As such, although the City of Lincoln is supportive of the revised restrictions as written, the City does not support the establishment of a base conservation standard. As reflected in the current revised restrictions, local water suppliers should hold the responsibility for determining conservation requirements based on actual reductions in local supply. We appreciate the State Water Board's continued leadership on these important policy decisions. We look forward to continuing this meaningful and timely discussion as we move toward establishing locally appropriate, effective and flexible long term water use targets.

Sincerely,



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