

To: California Water Boards

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Subject: Comment Letter- options for implementation of a statewide low income water rate assistance program

To whom it may concern;

California is already a state that foists a ridiculous tax burden on middle income residents. With Governor Newsome's promise to provide more benefits to non-citizens, this burden is sure to increase. As I struggle to save for retirement and two college educations, I have been asked to pay more for roads, more for gas, more for vehicle registration, more for minimum wage increases, more for lumber (even though it is a renewable resource that is farmed), more for water because I conserved too much, etc.

And now I read that the Water Board has the hubris to suggest I pay a tax to pay for substandard water systems that rural people, who of their own volition, acquired or connected to and can't maintain. Do you have any clue how many retirees and future retirees dream of the day they can leave this state because of a clueless bureaucracy that treats individual bank accounts as sources of government revenue? What next, should I pay more when they can't buy groceries? Fix their car? Pump their septic system?

People make choices, and California government let those choices happen. Rural development is the last bastion of liberty for many Californians. No one said that liberty comes with a safety net. Choices have consequences.

Please stay out of my wallet. I would like to keep more of what I earn through the choices I have made.

Hopeful

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