SWRCB Clerk

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To: commentletters

**Subject:** Proposed Regulation ... drought policy public workshop

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Where it is proposed that this is not allowed:

"Use potable water in an ornamental fountain or other decorative water feature, except where the water is part of a recirculating system."

Can there please be exceptions or permits granted to community historical sites with a fountain?

In our town of McCloud, in Siskiyou County, we have a Federally Registered Historical District within the town center. Within that district is a town fountain that was built in the early thirties. That fountain supported an attraction for tourist as rainbow trout were keep there. The trout can only survive with cold water. The water source to the fountain is indirectly provided by a spring source. The over flow water of this fountain historically flows into Panther Creek. The creek is supplied by the same watershed spring-system as is the water supply to the fountain. The water to the fountain re-occurs within the water shed regardless of if it is diverted to a local fountain or not.

I am concerned that this State's action to required fountains to be a closed recirculating system would affect the historical value and use of this fountain and such action cannot be allowed until a proper CEQA study can be preformed and a determination made as for both cultural and biological impacts at this historical fountain site.

How can the State assure the public and what plans does it have to see that these impacts are studied and mitigation measures considered so as to properly preserve these biological and historical assets per a CEQA process?

Please advise me of any future notices regarding the policy changes affecting open fountain systems and also make this email part of the public record for the Tuesday November 21, 2017 meeting.

Thank you.

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