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TO: CHAIRPERSON FELICIA MARCUS, CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBER OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD, AND FELLOW MEMBERS OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
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Re: Notice of Proposed Emergency Rulemaking – Urban Water Conservation Drought.
Agenda Item No. 10 and Draft Resolution, on SWRCB Calendar for July 15, 2014, and July 16, 2014 (Urban Water Conservation Emergency Regs.)

Dear Chairperson Marcus, and Members, State Water Resources Control Board:

I hereby comment on the above identified Notice of Proposed Emergency Rulemaking – Urban Water Conservation Drought, Agenda Item No. 10 and Draft Resolution on the SWRCB's Meeting Calendar scheduled for July 15, 2014, and July 16, 2014 (Urban Water Conservation Emergency Regs.).

While I agree that water conservation in California is much needed, I object to the overbroad, overreaching, punitive, exorbitantly expensive and ultimately unenforceable manner in which this Board is approaching the potential and actual water shortages. I hereby respectfully submit the following comments, objections and observations.

I urge our Governor, Jerry Brown, Jr., this SWRCB, its staff, and the California Regional Water Boards to focus instead on spending our taxpayers' dollars on developing both current and long-range plentiful water supplies. I suggest two:

1. CONSTRUCT LARGE CAPACITY DESALINATION PLANTS: Emergency construction of desalination plants along the California coastline.
2. IMPORT PIPED-IN WATER FROM THE NORTHWEST, CANADA AND NORTHERNL U.S. MID-WEST. During heavy rainfall periods flood areas to the north of us could easily supply us with water. We could be their repositories, reservoirs and storage for their excess rainwater.

California's outstanding professional training programs at the University of California and California State University should be focused on training student engineers, hydrologists, geologists and geotechnical engineers to deal with water shortages and remedies, including my two above suggestions. They could be assigned special educational projects for desalination and piping in water in exchange for substantial reductions in their tuition obligations, scholarships and grants. They would be entitled to special funding. Perhaps, federal funding grants are available.

California's outstanding law schools at UC Berkeley (Boalt Hall), Hastings, UCLA and UC Davis could be focused on the legal issues involved. Their students could be assigned special educational projects for desalination and piping in water in exchange for substantial reductions in their tuition obligations, scholarships and grants, as well.

I observe and object that the notices I received of these above referenced emergency drought-related and water conservation-related proceedings lack comment filing delivery information: They lack an email address, a fax phone line, or a street address WITH ZIP CODE, to which to send and file a participant's comments. Also, the letterheads lack a zip code, a fax phone line, an office phone line and an email address. The notices I received lack a contact individual's name, email and/or contact phone line.

I am going to transmit this comment to emails and fax phone lines on general SWRCB contact lists I've found on the SWRCB's website today, Sunday, July 13, 2014.

Cordially,

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