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February 1, 2017

2-7-17 Board Meeting-Item 9  
Urban Water Conservation to Implement EO B-29-16  
Deadline: 2/6/17 12 noon



Honorable Felicia Marcus  
State Water Resources Control Board  
1001 "I" Street, 24<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Subject: Rescission - Statewide Emergency Proclamation of Drought Conditions Contained In Executive Order B-37-16 Regulations**

Dear Chair Marcus:

As was stated by our General Manager, Gary Arant at the State Water Resources Control Board Workshop held on January 18, 2017, to preserve our collective credibility with the citizens of California, it is time to allow the current Statewide Drought Emergency Regulations to expire on February 28, 2017.

Californian's responded well to Governor Brown's call for a statewide 25% mandatory reduction in water use because they know there was a *real* statewide water supply emergency. In response, water consumers in the Valley Center service area reduced consumption by over 36% even when it was well known that in the San Diego region we actually had a diverse, drought resilient water supply more than ample to meet over 98% of our domestic and commercial needs. Our customers are still conserving today at a cumulative rate of 34% compared to 2013, 55.7% in December, 2016, and at 76% rate in January, 2017. This is occurring even though we have self-certified under the SWRCB stress test as having a full water supply and mandatory reduction level of "0."

Extending the current Drought Emergency Regulations will be seen as the state not recognizing that all hydrologic indicators are pointing to perhaps the wettest year on record. More critically, this action will weaken the impact of the words "Drought Emergency," and reduce our collective credibility for the next time we need water consumers to respond to an actual local, regional or statewide water supply emergency.

Clearly, it is time for the State Water Resources Control Board to allow the current Statewide Drought Emergency Regulations to expire.

Sincerely;

Gary A. Broomell  
President, Board of Directors

cc: Honorable Jerry Brown, Governor  
Honorable Joel Anderson, Senator, 38<sup>th</sup> District  
Honorable Marie Waldron, Assembly Member, 75<sup>th</sup> District  
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