

Comment Letters

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Subject: Comments on Proposed Regulatory Framework

Kathy Frevert:

This is to state our objection to any further restrictions or future regulations affecting water rates in California.

We have lived on the same 1/2 acre property in Newbury Park for 40 years, and began reducing our water usage long before it became mandatory. We get notices from the Fire Department if we don't keep our banks green and clear of dried vegetation. We have long had a drip watering system and timers, a hose shut-off nozzle, and a recirculating pump for hot water. We wash full loads of clothes, take short showers, and don't run the water when we brush our teeth. Last year, we spent over \$30,000 to replace our lawns front and back with drought-tolerant landscaping. We have reduced our usage by 50%, yet we are fined and still asked to save more and must pay additional fines.

You have cut or reduced water to farmers... they grow our food! What about some credits/reimbursements to the farmers that have lost their crops? Are we going to see their or our rates reduced or reimbursements once the drought is over?

Our frustration is what is the government doing while the people are saving? We've seen City employees driving clean cars and watering the landscaping on the side of the freeway in the middle of the day. We've frequently heard about broken water mains and a crumbling infrastructure, while there is no method or means to capture the excessive runoff. We're concerned that with the impending El Niño, there is currently no way to catch the excess water. The Governor keeps pushing for a bullet train, when the money could be better spent on fixing the crumbling and ancient water system, building catch basins/reservoirs, or developing desalination plants.

Our hope is that you actually consider what we've written and make proposed changes that use common sense.

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