

Hello Ms. Bean,

I would like to provide some feedback on the reduction of residential water use. I'm not clear on how this will be implemented (individual resident fines, tiered pricing, etc.?), but please keep in mind that some water districts are a mix of heavy and low water users. I believe that the district we are in is one of those (Tier 4?). We are mixed in with residents of Atherton and Portola Valley, which typically use significantly more water than those of us in unincorporated Menlo Park. In Atherton and Portola Valley, the properties are large, thus likely using more water. In unincorporated Menlo Park, we're on 6000 square foot lots and use far less water.

My family has already cut back our water usage over the last few months by 40-50% so we have little more we can do. I'm concerned that those of us who have already conserved water will be very negatively affected by the required further reductions. I hope that whatever solution is developed takes into account the differences between those who have already been saving water and those who have not (as well as those with significantly larger properties).

The one place we do use water outside is to occasionally deep soak the redwood trees on our property. Without water the trees may become unstable and if weak enough, fall over. Since they would fall directly on our home, it's not something we want to risk so we water to keep them reasonably healthy.

Thank you for listening and I hope a solution that works for everyone is developed.

Many thanks,

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