



RE: http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/drought/emergency_regulations_waterconservation.shtml

Hello,

I appreciate your efforts on an emergency water bill! I have a few concerns that do not seem to be addressed by your proposed legislation:

First, I would encourage you to add a note that grass, in particular, is prohibited from being maintained. There are other water programs in CA for residents to convert grass lawns to other landscaping with lower water needs.

Secondly, the EPA regularly sites that each fracking well uses between 2 and 5 million gallons of water. Tupper Hull, the vice president for strategic communications at the Western States Petroleum Association, was quoted by Fact Checker as saying California used 104 million gallons of water for all fracking operations in 2013.

This is an alarming amount of water that our farmers need to sustain crops. It is water that is needed for drinking by CA residents. It is water needed to sustain complex ecosystems around the state. In extended times of drought, we should prohibit fracking activities. We need to rely more heavily on our renewable and other energy sources.

CEQA outlines and requires management of items that are of "significant environmental impact." Both of these water consumption sources have significant environmental impact. As such, I would strongly encourage you to include restrictions on fracking and lawn watering throughout our water emergency.

Thank you,
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