



# CITY OF MILPITAS

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February 6, 2017

2-7-17 Board Meeting-Item 9  
Urban Water Conservation to Implement EO B-29-15  
Deadline: 2/6/17 12 noon

Felicia Marcus, Chair  
and Members of the State Water Resources Control Board  
State Water Resources Control Board  
1001 I Street, 24th Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814



Subject: February 8, 2017 BOARD MEETING (Conservation Extended Regulation)

Dear Chair Marcus and Members of the Board:

The City of Milpitas appreciates the opportunity to provide comments regarding the proposed regulation to extend the current Emergency Regulations for Statewide Urban Water Conservation that is set to expire on February 28, 2017.

The City of Milpitas supports the proposed extension of the current Emergency Regulation for an additional 270 days, including specific actions to be water wise such as reducing outdoor watering schedules to three-days per week. We are supportive of this regulation so long as it does not alter the existing State-mandated Conservation Standard. Milpitas has self-certified a State-mandated Conservation Standard of zero percent, but has still managed to reduce overall potable water consumption by 22%. In addition, 8.2% of the City's water supply is recycled water, offsetting the total use of potable water within the City.

Beyond water conservation, our highest priority is to deliver safe drinking water. In order to maintain and safely deliver drinking water to our citizens, it is paramount that the City recovers the necessary funding to properly operate a water distribution system. This funding is provided through collection of revenue from all customers, including low-income households. Although water conservation efforts are noticeable, the City must still consider the adverse fiscal impacts the continued emergency regulation may have on the City, including consumer water rates. This is an important message to construe, especially when our consumers have worked so hard to conserve water.

We look forward to the State's careful evaluation and complete assessment of the hydrologic conditions to be conducted in April 2017, specifically as it relates to urban water retailer communities.

Sincerely,

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City of Milpitas

