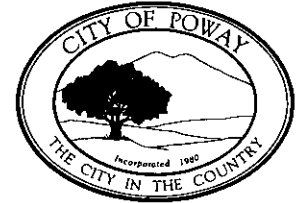


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2-7-17 Board Meeting-Item 9
Urban Water Conservation to Implement EO B-29-16
Deadline: 2/6/17 12 noon

February 6, 2017

The Honorable Felicia Marcus, Chair
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814



VIA EMAIL: commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov

Re: 2/8/17 BOARD WORKSHOP – ITEM #9 “Consideration of a proposed Resolution amending and readopting drought-related emergency regulations for urban water conservation to implement Executive Order B-29-15, B-36-15 and B-37-16”

Dear Chair Marcus:

On behalf of the City of Poway, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the resolution and staff recommendation to extend Statewide drought regulations.

The City of Poway provides potable water production and distribution services, recycled water distribution and wastewater collection. We operate a T-5 Conventional Water Treatment Plant that feeds 13,885 active metered connections through diverse topographical terrain.

The City of Poway has demonstrated the capability to achieve a reduction in water use compliant with State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) mandates, exceeding the 24 percent reduction assigned to us by 5.3 percent for the period of June 2015 through May 2016. Furthermore, through the recent self-certifying process where a conservation standard of zero percent was set, our customers have continued to persevere with a cumulative reduction of 24.3% compared to 2013 usage from June 2016 through December 2016.

It is evident that our customers have chosen to conserve water this summer without a declared supply shortage or state mandate, and have made conservation a way of life. In light of this fact, the City of Poway strongly encourages the State Water Resources Control Board to consider the following comments in addition to input submitted by other water agencies in San Diego County:

- Over the past three decades, the region has invested approximately \$3.5 billion to improve water reliability. This means that the City of Poway will have sufficient water supplies per the state's stress test for at least three more dry years.
- Water supply conditions statewide far exceed normal conditions, and they have rebounded beyond the levels that were deemed satisfactory when the previous drought emergency was terminated in 2011.
- Continuing a drought emergency and related restrictions in the face of substantially improved water conditions – not to mention flood emergencies that were experienced not only in the City of Poway, but throughout the state - undermines the credibility of our City, particularly during actual supply emergencies.

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In light of these conditions, we urge you to let the statewide drought regulations expire later this month. The water stakeholder community should focus on developing a meaningful long-term water use efficiency framework for urban and agricultural water users that honors California's diversity and supports growing the state's economy.

Sincerely,



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City Manager

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