



February 13, 2018

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

Dear Chairwoman Felicia Marcus:

On behalf of Yucaipa Valley Water District, we are writing in opposition to proposed waste and unreasonable use regulations changes. Part of these regulations is a proposal to prohibit the use of any water, including recycled water, from irrigating turf on median strips or publicly owned landscaped areas unless there is a community benefit. As stated below:

Article 2. Wasteful and Unreasonable Water Uses

§ 963. Wasteful and Unreasonable Water Use Practices.

Section (b)

Subsection (1)

- (G) The irrigation of turf on public street medians or publicly owned or maintained landscaped areas between the street and sidewalk, except where:
 - (iii) The turf is irrigated with recycled water through an irrigation system installed prior to January 1, 2018

The proposed waste and unreasonable use regulations changes of regulating the use of recycled water for irrigation of turf on public street medians or publicly owned or maintained landscaped areas between the street and sidewalk; except where the turf is irrigated with recycled water through an irrigation system installed prior to January 1, 2018 would reduce the use of recycled water and diminish the continued growth of our recycled water system.

The proposed regulations should not include this time constraint, as it will diminish our conservation efforts. Yucaipa Valley Water District, the Cities we serve, and current and future developments have made a significant investment to transition from using potable water to recycled water for these areas.

Sincerely,

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