(3/17-18/15) Board Meeting- Item 7 Urban Water Emergency Regs Deadline: 3/16/15 by 12:00 noon





March 10, 2015

Jeanine Townsend Clerk to the Board State Water Resources Control Board P.O. Box 100 Sacramento, CA 95812-0100 <u>via Electronic Mail</u> commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov

RE: <u>SUPPORT for Proposed Resolution Amending and Readopting Drought-Related</u>

Emergency Regulations for Urban Water Conservation

March 17, 2015 Agenda Item No. 7

Dear Members of the Board:

The Coastal Environmental Rights Foundation (CERF) is a nonprofit environmental organization founded by surfers in North San Diego County and active throughout California's coastal communities. CERF was established to aggressively advocate, including through litigation, for the protection and enhancement of coastal natural resources and the quality of life for coastal residents.

Without hesitation, CERF would like to take the opportunity to recommend and support the adoption of Article 22.5, Drought Emergency Water Conservation. The proposed measures are an appropriate response to the current critical state of drought in California.

CERF has long advocated before local agencies for implementation of measures such as those proposed in the emergency regulations. Further, given the many strains on potable water infrastructure, prolonged drought projections, the difficulty of the public to adjust to changing water use restrictions, and ever-increasing costs of and demands on our potable water supply, many of these measures should become permanent.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

COASTAL ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS FOUNDATION

Marco A. Gonzalez
Executive Director

