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The Honorable Felicia Marcus, Chair
and Honorable Members of the State Water Resources Control Board
c/o Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: "May 18, 2016 BOARD MEETING (Conservation Extended Emergency Regulation)"

Dear Chair Marcus and Members of the Board:

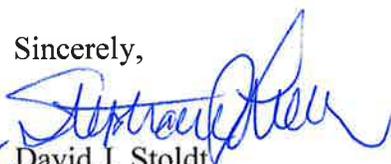
The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) appreciates this opportunity to provide comments to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) on staff's proposed Conservation Extended Emergency Regulation (Proposed Emergency Regulation), which would further amend and readopt the Emergency Regulation that was last amended and adopted on February 2, 2016. The Proposed Emergency Regulation was prepared by staff in response to comments received by the State Water Board at its April 20, 2016, workshop, and in response to the Governor's Executive Order B-37-16 (EO) directing the State Water Board to adjust and extend the emergency regulations for urban water conservation through the end of January 2017.

MPWMD is pleased to comment that the Proposed Emergency Regulation appears to be a good proposal that is highly responsive to requests by water agencies for a water supply reliability- based alternative in the face of potential on-going drought conditions. MPWMD has appreciated the opportunity to participate in the work group that brought these concepts forward, and supports the option for urban water suppliers to self-certify the level of available water supplies assuming three additional dry years and then continue to implement appropriate conservation targets necessary to assure adequate supply.

MPWMD is committed to continued efforts to conserve water on the Monterey Peninsula and will continue to promote efficient use of water through its highly effective local programs. MPWMD also welcomes the opportunity to continue its participation with the work group as the Brown Administration, the Department of Water Resources, the State Water Board, and others transition from the Emergency Regulation to a long-term approach to water conservation and supply management.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

for 
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General Manager