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(6/22/16) Public Hearing
Drinking Water Fee
Deadline: 6/22/16 by 5:00pm

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June 21, 2016

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: Comments regarding SWRCB Draft Drinking Water Fee Regulations

Dear Ms. Townsend:

The Vista Irrigation District (District) is a public agency responsible for providing water service to residents and businesses in the city of Vista, and portions of San Marcos, Escondido, Oceanside, and unincorporated areas of San Diego County, serving over 28,000 retail connections. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the State Water Resources Control Board's (SWRCB) draft Drinking Water Fee Regulations released for public comment on April 29, 2016 (Draft Fee Regulations).

The District recognizes that the final Fee Regulations must ensure that the Drinking Water Program has adequate funding. However, we are concerned that the Draft Fee Regulations do not equitably allocate Drinking Water Program costs among fee payers. The District also encourages the SWRCB to take steps to ensure that the Drinking Water Program maintains its accountability to public water systems and the customers it serves. The District supports the Association of California Water Agencies' comments and suggested amendments to the Draft Fee Regulations, including the Water Community Option for the fee schedule.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Fee Regulations. The District encourages the SWRCB and its staff to continue to work with public water systems and their representatives on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eldon Boone".

Eldon Boone
General Manager