

To Jeanine Townsend,
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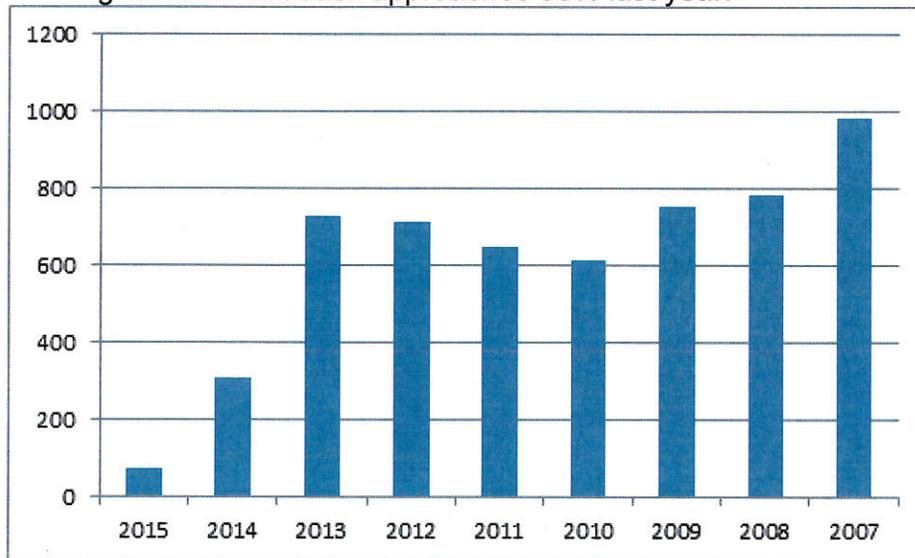
Dear Felicia Marcus and State Board members

Thank you for your earlier changes so the Emergency Conservation Regulation. I would strongly urge you to consider an alternative that would support the exclusion of the under twenty percent agriculture districts from the per capita calculations. These operations will be subject to a 15% fifteen percent reduction based on contractual obligations and deliveries under the existing agreements between the local districts and the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) if the are enrolled in the Transitional Agriculture Water program. Those that are not in the program could be subject to the same equitable reduction if the local districts do a Agriculture Water Management Plan as required for all the other agriculture districts.

My operation like many others in the Urban districts with less than 20% agriculture are primarily high value enclosed greenhouse operations. Most of the larger agriculture areas were those that were primarily Avocados, citrus and out door field operations. We may be small but the per capita farm gate that is generated from the relatively small amount of water we use is significant. These greenhouse operations use significantly less water than any other agriculture per acre as a result of being enclosed. Also there are several small farm to table type operations operating within these districts.

My water district Olivienhain Municipal Water District (OMWD) had very little residential and golf course water use reduction after the Governor's 20% voluntary cut backs. This chart shows how agriculture has cut back when asked. This is the agriculture water useage of OMWD since 2007

Agricultures cut back approaches 50% last year.



I hope you will find a way to accomodate the less than 20% agriculture water districts, we can implent a 15% reduction. Thank you and your staff for all the work on this.

Respectfully
Eric Anderson
Family Farmer