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Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Attn: Jeanine Townsend

**Subject:** Comment Letter – Urban Water Conservation Workshop

Dear Ms. Townsend:

The Newhall County Water District (NCWD) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Urban Water Conservation Workshop. NCWD has been actively engaged in water conservation efforts and has been implementing the required mandatory actions. To that end, NCWD respectfully submits the following comments:

NCWD questions the one-sized fits all approach to reducing water use. Historically, the Santa Clarita Valley (SCV) has planned and invested to withstand reduced allocations of imported supplies through groundwater banking and by actively managing it's local groundwater basins to ensure water is available for our community during times of drought. NCWD believes communities like ours should be recognized for their advanced planning and supply reliability investment efforts.


In addition, some areas of the State, including the SCV have already cut back significantly over the past several years. NCWD is currently achieving 18% of our 20% by 2020 goal. The States diverse sub-regional climates also play a major role in how the mandatory cutbacks actually impact specific areas. For these reasons the simple broad based approach of requiring a 20% reduction over the prior year does not take into account the diversity of the State.

NCWD requests the State Water Board develop a working group comprised of water leaders from throughout the State from all sectors (Agriculture and Urban) to discuss both short and long term solutions to dealing with water shortages. The focus must be on developing policies which encourage communities to invest in solutions for the long term.

NCWD looks forward to continuing to work with the State Water Board to ensure we not only meet short term goals, but also address the development of a framework to discuss the advancement of long term water shortage policy.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SLC', is written over the district name.

Stephen L. Cole  
General Manager