July 11, 2014

California State Water Resources Control Board  
P.O. Box 100  
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

RE: Emergency Water Conservation Regulations

Dear Board Members:

With more than 400,000 acres of farmland expected to be fallowed, the risk of communities running out of drinking water and wildlife species in jeopardy, we appreciate the steps you are taking to combat this dire situation. Our request is that as you do so, you take into consideration the efforts of agencies across the state that have already acted and are conserving in extraordinary ways.

Padre Dam Municipal Water District is one of those agencies. We serve the eastern portion of San Diego County. Our customers have reduced their water consumption by 34% since 2008. We have already reached and surpassed our SBX7-7 goal of 141 GPCD and are currently at 117 GPCD. We believe recognition of those California citizens who have already conserved, and done their part, is essential during this process and moving forward.

Please do not penalize the California citizens who have “done the right thing” and changed their behavior which resulted in water conservation. Adherence to SBX7-7 should be considered in the discussion when asking citizens to conserve even more.

Sincerely,

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CEO/General Manager  
Padre Dam Municipal Water District

cc. Padre Dam MWD Board of Directors