



Friends of Mariposa Creek

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Jeannie Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100
Sacramento, California 95812

Re: Comment Letter - July 15, 2014 Board Meeting-Item 10: Emergency
Water Conservation Regulations

Ms. Townsend,

Friends of Mariposa Creek appreciate the very thorough, and detailed, content of staff's findings and supporting documents. After completing our assessment of the Emergency Regulations Digest, findings, and all accompanying documents, Friends of Mariposa Creek find the proposed Emergency Water Conservation Regulations fall gravely short in addressing immediate, and long term water shortages.

The Board has a golden opportunity to provide Californians with emergency regulations that will have an immediate and sustaining impact now and into the future. Not just for a few weeks or months. With staff's prediction of the potential for economic collapse within a year, there can be no hesitation to act diligently and aggressively today. Severe sustained drought, unchecked water waste, and severe water overdraft, commands severe and immediate actions now.

We cannot cry "water shortage emergency" while issuing new water use permits and water use expansion permits across the state. We respectfully request the Board place a moratorium today on any new "potable" water use permits or "potable" water use expansion permits of any kind, including new water well permits, with the exception of fire, life and safety uses. Some municipalities already have a moratorium in place. This action can be

legally justified and must be included in the proposed Emergency Regulatory Language today, statewide. We strongly urge the Board to take this imperative action without further delay.

Emergency Water Conservation Regulations must be a legal responsibility of *all* of the People of the State. In fairness to all, state regulators of industry, agriculture, mining, oil and gas production including fracking, must participate in Collaborative Emergency Water Conservation Regulations. All water users must do their share by maximizing efforts to reduce water use, waste and pollution, without exclusions.

The total content of the staff's findings and fact sheets reveal clearly what we cannot ignore. We have created an unsustainable, artificial environment, and economy. An environment that has been telling us for decades "our water use is not sustainable and global warming is here." We can no longer engineer our way out of our man-made water shortage. It's the eleventh hour. There is no time or water to waste. We must come to our senses now, today, and act responsibly.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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