



City of Hesperia

Gateway to the High Desert

July 14, 2014



State Water Resources Control Board
C/O Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
P.O. Box 100
Sacramento, CA 95814

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

Chair and Board Members,

The City of Hesperia (City) and its subsidiary, the Hesperia Water District (District) have reviewed the proposed Emergency Water Conservation Regulations to be considered at the July 15, 2014 Board Meeting being held by the State Water Resources Control Board (Board) and the City and District has the following comments.

First, according to the Fact Sheet that was disseminated, the proposed regulations would go into effect on August 1, 2014. A public hearing must be held in order to enact our water conservation emergency plan. Due to public noticing requirements and advertising deadlines of legal publications, it will take a minimum of one month to hold the public hearing. Further, as with many agencies, the District is on a bi-monthly billing cycle resulting in a two-month process in order to provide appropriate, direct notification to our customers. Other notification methods such as advertising and public service announcements require compliance with purchasing policies, procedures and ordinances which will also delay immediate employment of regulations. For these reasons, if approved, the District is requesting that the Board provide additional time to place into effect and implement the water contingency plan by allowing a grace period or implementation period of at least 90 days from the August 1st effective date.

With the economic status of the State and Country, the City has not issued one residential building permit for new home construction in the past two and one-half years. Currently, we have 62 active residential building permits. The City requests that the Board treat construction water independently and allow for separation of construction water usage during per capita use reporting.

Finally, the City and District requests the Board to take into consideration those agencies that have actively been engaged in water conservation programs and efforts. Together, the City and District have been participating in programs such as "Cash for Grass", offering

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water audits to our customers, as well as other water conservation activities. Since 2000 water consumption has been reduced by 34% and is currently below the Year 2020 goal in the Urban Water Management Plan.

If you have any questions regarding the comments, please contact Tina Souza, Management Analyst at 760-947-1474 or at tsouza@cityofhesperia.us. The City and District thank you in advance for your consideration with this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott Priester". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Scott Priester
Director of Development Services
City of Hesperia