



To whom it may concern:

One size does not fit all. The State Board should not get into the details of individual agency water conservation efforts for a 20% reduction or any size reduction. Establish a reduction standard and let the water agencies who know their customers best figure out a way to achieve the reduction. The proposed regulations start well with direction to invoke approved water shortage contingency plans, but then adds additional requirements that may or may not be in those carefully developed, community-approved plans.

For many of us a 20% reduction does not include mandatory outside watering restrictions. In our District outside water is not a big factor in water use; we need to do other things. However, applying efforts to watch outside watering by our customers will limit our ability to do these other efforts, in particular, finding and fixing water leaks. I suspect other water agencies are in a similar situation.

I find one aspect of the proposed regulations perplexing – the regulations propose to allow continued use of outside fountains that recirculate water – those are evaporation machines that need replenishing. If you want to be consistent, you should address all sources of evaporation. But again, I believe the details in any conservation effort should be left to the individual agencies.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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