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The City of Pittsburg would like to comment on the Proposed Drought Emergency Water Conservation, scheduled for March 17, 2015. Are comments are as follows:

Sec 864 (a) (5) The application of potable water to outdoor landscapes during and up to 48 hours after measurable rainfall:

- Comment –
  - what is measurable? How close does the measuring point need to be? For some rain showers measurable in one location does not mean that rain falls in another location.

Sec 865 (e) Implement Water Conservation measures … within 30 days.

- Comment
  - It takes longer than that to get something prepared and on a City Council agenda, unless we are going to take the water conservation program in pieces. Please change to 45 days, unless the effective date of this legislation is more than two weeks.

Sec 865 (e) (2) Implement another mandatory measure intended to achieve a 20 percent reduction …relative to the amount consumed in 2013.

- Comment
  - This does take into account the efforts, and investment of $6 million by the City of Pittsburg, into recycled water since 2007.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I support your efforts, but I have written and administered water conservation and rationing programs since 1977 and I would like the regulations to be practical.

Sincerely,

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