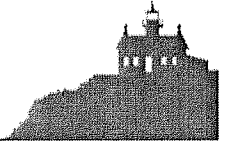




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January 28, 2015

Ms. Felicia Marcus
Chairwomen
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814



Subject: Comments on Proposed Drought Emergency Conservation Regulation

Dear Chairwomen Marcus:

The City of Crescent City, as an Urban Water Supplier, would like to take this opportunity to submit comments on the Proposed Drought Emergency Regulations, dated January 15, 2016.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide input during the current comment period and share similar concerns to other suppliers in our region, including Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District. Like them, Crescent City is located in a region that has experienced significant rain fall and now have water sources that are no longer in a drought condition. In accordance with the most recent USDA Drought Map, dated January 26, 2016, the entire coastal zone served by the Crescent City Water System is no longer carries a drought status designation.

Crescent City's water supply is solely sourced from the Smith River. The Smith River has been in flood stage several times within the last two months. Current rainfall in Del Norte County stands at 129% of normal. In addition, the Crescent City water system has no downstream public water systems and therefore conservation efforts provide no material benefit as all excess water flows to the Pacific Ocean.

As a result of the lack of drought conditions in the Smith River, Crescent City citizens should be able to make full beneficial use of their municipal water supplies, without fearing the consequence of fines or other penalties. Crescent City has promoted a successful campaign of water conservation that includes best management practices and unreasonable use of our water resources.

Due to the circumstances listed above, we respectfully request that the emergency water conservation regulations be modified to only require reductions in potable water production to those systems that are located within an area designated in a drought condition.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

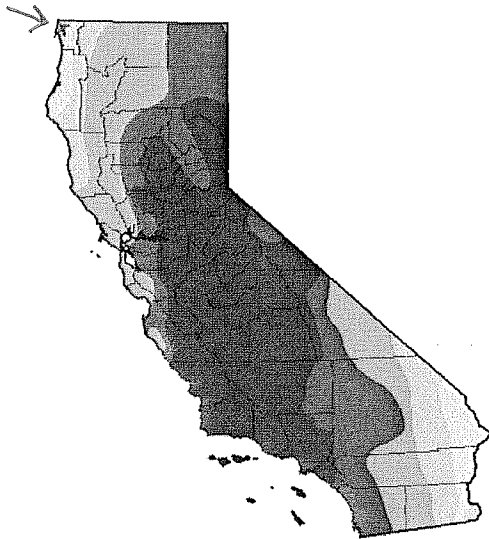
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Attachments: January 26, 2016 USDA Drought Map

U.S. Drought Monitor California

January 26, 2016
 (Released Thursday January 28, 2016)
 Valid 7 a.m. EST

Statistics type: Traditional Percent Area
Export table: [CSV](#) [XML](#)



Week	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current 2016-01-26	0.00	100.00	95.35	86.13	63.96	40.21
Last Week 2016-01-19	0.00	100.00	97.17	86.13	68.15	42.66
3 Months Ago 2015-10-27	0.14	99.86	97.33	92.27	71.08	46.00
Start of Calendar Year 2015-12-29	0.00	100.00	97.33	87.55	69.07	44.84
Start of Water Year 2015-09-29	0.14	99.86	97.33	92.36	71.08	46.00
One Year Ago 2015-01-27	0.00	100.00	98.13	94.34	77.52	39.99

Estimated Population in Drought Areas: **36,477,737**
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Intensity:

- D0 (Abnormally Dry)

 D2 (Severe Drought)

 D4 (Exceptional Drought)
- D1 (Moderate Drought)

 D3 (Extreme Drought)

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying [text summary](#) for forecast statements.

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