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From: Jerry Mountjoy <jerry@editperfect.com>
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Subject: Water regulation timing - wait until april - and tell us as individuals how we've done

My wife and I have been very water conscious over the past several years. We've installed drip systems throughout our landscape, I installed a computerized water sprinkler controller, low usage toilets, etc. We revised our landscaping to reduce the amount of grass and to replace non-drought resistant plants with those more drought tolerant. We're also very water conscious when washing and showering, and I am in the process of installing a hot water recirculation system to replace the water bucket in the shower and wasted water at the kitchen sink. In other words, I've spent a lot of money trying to reduce our water usage, and we intend to continue this effort.

I also fish by boat in Folsom Lake, and I want to see the level maintained at above 400' elevation - a strong reason for me to continue water conservation.

But I have also lost plants and shrubs that I should not have due to my water frugality. For that I'm glad to see that you've dropped our San Juan water savings requirement from 36% to 33%, but I believe you are premature in making this adjustment. Can you not wait until April to see where we are before setting the rates? And at the same time, can you require water agencies to notify customers individually how we've done? If you drop the level by any amount, it won't mean much to most people. For example, let's say that I've only saved 20% in the past year. But all I hear is that our mandated saving rate will be less next year, so I don't need to be so cautious. I suppose that abusers will continue to be abusers, and probably don't read their bills anyway. Regardless, waiting until April will improve your credibility because you will be speaking after seeing what we get, not before.

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