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2/2/16 Board Meeting (Conservation Extended Emergency Regulation)

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Hello Kathy;

My Name is Lonnie Danel,

I have been reading the proposed extension for reduction of water usage throughout California in 2016. There has been a drought throughout most of California the last five years, I will agree on that. However regional area differ a lot in our state, from arid deserts in the southeast to rain forests in the northwest. California is very diverse with many regions. In Humboldt and Del Norte Counties we have an abundance of rainfall.

This rain season alone, as of today we have received 43 inches with three more months to go. At this pace our area will receive approximately 65 to 70 inches by the end of April. Our counties and particular our watershed does not rely on snow pack to sustain abundance of water.

Our excess water is not part of the Central Valley Water Project, it flows to the Pacific Ocean helping with the natural resources.

I have been the Water Operator of our water system since 1977 and understand seasonal changes with our watershed. Our watershed has an abundance of water and always has, even during lean years. In 2015 with the drought going on through most of the state, the Willow Creek watershed still received over 40 inches of rain.

My real concern in our watershed is with illegal water diversion from marijuana grows. If that could be addressed I would be more than pleased. Even with the illegal grows the watershed has been great during the drought.

I am requesting that our counties be exempt from the proposed regulations this up coming year, as there is no need for such action this calendar year, for water restriction in our geographical area.

Please take this into consideration when your department make the final decision on the extension of water restrictions throughout our wonderful state.

Sincerely
Lonnie Danel
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