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Ms. Jeanine Townsend
Clerk of the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Attn: commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov
Via Email Only

Subject: Comments on Proposed Regulatory Framework

Dear Ms. Townsend:

The Castaic Lake Water Agency appreciates this opportunity to comment on proposed regulatory changes to the Emergency Drought Regulations to achieve statewide reductions in urban potable water usage. Castaic Lake Water Agency provides supplemental imported water to the Santa Clarita Valley and operates Santa Clarita Water Division, which provides retail water service to a population of approximately 121,700.

We would like to express our support for the following adjustments:

Growth Adjustment – To provide a mechanism to adjust urban water supplier conservation standards to account for water efficient growth since 2013.

Climate Adjustment – To incorporate a climate adjustment that reflects the higher water needs of communities located in the warmest regions of the state.

Multiple Adjustments – To make provisions for water retailers that may be affected by multiple adjustment factors.

Additionally, our efforts working with homeowners associations in the Santa Clarita Valley would be strengthened with a prohibition against interference with conservation actions by homeowners’ associations. The Santa Clarita Valley has almost 200 homeowners’ associations.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments.

Sincerely,

Matthew G. Stone
General Manager