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State Water Resources Control Board
Attn: Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the State Water Board
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Dear Chair Marcus and Commissioners of the State Water Resources Control Board:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments for the Board meeting on February 8, 2017 regarding the proposed adjustments to the Emergency Conservation Regulations for 2017. In opposing the proposed extension to the Emergency Regulations, I offer the following considerations:

<!--[if !supportLists]-->1. <!--[endif]-->Many parts of the state are no longer experiencing emergency drought conditions due to improved hydrologic conditions and their own development of drought resilient supplies. The SWRCB should rescind the emergency conservation regulations for those areas with adequate supplies, such as San Diego, and only focus on those communities that require assistance in meeting the water demands of their community.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->2. <!--[endif]-->Given that the climatic and hydrologic conditions are at historic levels in rainfall, each region needs to have the latitude and ability to address their specific conditions. Areas such as ours do not require an emergency regulation at this point. In fact, given the current conditions, it is hard to justify having “emergency regulations” when many can argue the State is no longer in short term emergency conditions. It is disingenuous of the SWRCB to propose mandatory emergency regulations given that this water year is already producing record rain and snowfalls across the State, which has eliminated the possibility of another dry winter.

I support having long-term requirements addressed through prudent development of programs and projects. Local water agencies and the state need to develop mutually supportable limited conservation regulations and demand reduction methods to address potential impacts of climate variations that must be balanced with increased supply storage, developing alternate sources of supply, and assessing the potential impacts to the economy of all these actions. We’ve done our part over the last 18 months, now it’s time to do yours without crippling the local economy with over-reaching regulations.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments. Please feel free to contact me at

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Sincerely,

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