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Governor Jerry Brown

c/o: Kim Craig, Deputy Cabinet Secretary State Capitol, Suite 1173

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Subject: WITHDRAW portions of Executive Orders B-29-15 and B-37-16 and Direct SWRCB to RESCIND Emergency Drought Regulations

Dear Governor Brown:

As a resident of San Diego County and a customer of the Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District, I urge you to withdraw Executive Orders B-29-15 and B-37-16 and to direct the State Water Resources Control Board to rescind its Emergency Drought Regulations. With our regional investment of over \$3.5 billion into water supply reliability including seawater desalination, additional water supply capacity, and upgraded conveyance systems, along with an unprecedented regional rainfall at 172% of average, there are adequate water supplies to meet regional water demands at 100% for the next three years! Furthermore, as the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) considers extending the emergency regulation in February 2017, they must consider that many parts of the state are not experiencing emergency drought conditions due to improved hydrologic conditions, development of drought resilient supplies, or both. The SWRCB should rescind the emergency conservation regulations for those areas with adequate supplies, such as San Diego area, and only focus on those communities that require assistance in meeting the water demands of their community.

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, and 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.

We support that long-term conservation aspects continue to be 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 change, that should also be balanced with increasing 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, maintaining 28% cumulative conservation savings, and now it's time to do yours without crippling the local economy or over-reach of regulations.

Again, I urge you to take action to end the Emergency Drought Regulations in California.

Sincerely,

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