

Comment Letters

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Subject: Comments on Proposed Regulatory Framework

Dear Sirs:

The recently published proposed revisions to the Governor's mandated water conservation regulations for this region are a step in the right direction, but do not in any way go far enough to address the realities of living in a desert where often summer temperatures reach 120°F.

Speaking as a retired, year-round resident of the Coachella Valley, living on a fixed income, I can tell you:

1. I cannot afford to be fined by my water agency - my budget simply will not allow it. You have already levied a large fine against the IWA - what's next?
2. My wife & I have already done all we can do to reduce our water consumption - to wit:
 - a. Converted large front yard to desert landscaping from grass last year
 - b. Changed out toilets to low-flow
 - c. For the 1st time ever, this November we did not convert the remaining areas of our lawn from summer to winter grass - with the resulting "dead-look" eye-sore

We simply cannot do any more.

You, and the Governor need to adjust water reduction goals in the Coachella Valley to take into account the following factors which you are currently ignoring:

1. Extreme summer desert area weather conditions
2. Large swings in transient populations "in season" which can at times double the Valley's population - as well as large year-round tourist populations
3. Underlying resident population growth

Sincerely,

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