

Comment Letters

From: Catherine Dickerson [mailto:cedickerson1@roadrunner.com]
Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 10:51 PM
To: Frevert, Kathy@Waterboards
Subject: "Conservation" policies are dangerous threats to our water supply.

Ms. Felicia Marcus and Ms. Kathy Frevert,

The website of the State Water Control Board says "Protecting California's Water." But in fact, your "conservation" policies are dangerous threats to our water supply.

No amount of conservation is going to increase our supply of water. That can only be achieved with science and technology. When you prohibit the purchase of available water, you destroy the incentive and opportunity for bright scientists, engineers and entrepreneurs to put their intelligence and efforts into creating an abundant and affordable supply.

The knowledge and ability are abundantly available, the supply is abundantly available (starting with 840 miles of coastline along the Pacific Ocean . . .). Yet in the face of plain facts, you are working to destroy our quality of life by destroying precious resources.

As you must know by now, thanks to long term planning and investment in cutting edge technology, San Diego County has had no water shortage during the now-ending 4-year drought, and in fact currently has almost 50% more water than we're allowed to use under your current restrictions.

Instead of your draconian restrictions, you should be heralding San Diego as an example to the rest of the state. Water agencies in the the county of San Diego have taken, and continue to take, numerous steps to develop a reliable water supply for its rate payers, including but not limited to:

- Imperial Irrigation District water transfer, beginning in 2003
- Lining of All American and Coachella canals completed 2010
- Carlsbad desalination plant, completed 2015
- Padre Dam recycled water project
- San Diego recycled water project--projected to supply 1/3 of county water needs;

Water agencies in the county of San Diego have taken, and continue to take, steps to expand our emergency water storage, including but not limited to:

- Oivenhain Dam and Reservoir, completed 2003
- San Vicente Dam raised, more than doubling capacity of San Vicente reservoir, in 2015

San Diegans have invested heavily in these projects over the past 20+ years. You have no right to prohibit us from purchasing the water we have paid to have developed.

In our climate with cycles of drought, we need technology to develop a weather-proof water supply. We need the freedom and protection of property rights that make science, technology and entrepreneurship possible. We need freedom from oppressive regulations so that bright, hard working people can put their knowledge and skills to work.

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WE DO NOT need bureaucrats and politicians to force your personal agendas on us, dictating how long to shower, how often to flush our toilets, what plants to grow, and other offensive interventions into our private lives.

WE DO NOT need bureaucrats and politicians to send us back to the pioneer days of carrying water buckets and living in dirt. This is the the 21st century, with the science and technology to create an abundance of human values, from beautiful, disease resistant plants, to the internet, to life-saving medical discoveries, to landing a piano-sized probe on a comet after traveling 10 years through space!!!

Most of all, WE DO NOT need bureaucrats and politicians violating our property rights. Your job is to protect our freedoms and our rights, so that we are free to use our own minds to make our own decisions and pursue our own values, not blindly follow your personal dictates.

You have no justification, factual or moral, to impose emergency water restrictions on San Diego. The only honest action is to remove them all completely, and immediately.

Sincerely,

Catherine Dickerson

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