

Comment Letters

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Kathy,

The proposed regulatory framework workshop was insightful and well put together. I found the proposed climate adjustment being the most interesting. Conservation standards for different climate zones are difficult to establish and having a “buffer” adjustment to compare different climate zones makes the most sense.

Different species of trees, shrubs, and plants use different amounts of water depending where in the State they are planted. A coastal red wood tree has a higher probability of surviving in Marine County than in the middle of the San Joaquin valley. The same argument can be used for several other plant and tree species. In order for the trees, shrubs, and plants established in our communities to continue to thrive, they need to account the correct climate zone needed to survive. Without regressing, this argument can also be used for human beings.

Establishing a “buffer” adjustment to account for different climate zones makes the most sense. In order to have an equal playing field when it comes to water conservation reduction requirements, we need to establish rules and regulations accounting for different climate zones and water usage. A climate adjustment based on CIMIS, a reputable and respected institution, validates the adjustments.

In closing, the proposed regulatory framework was insightful and I thank the agencies/stake holders who put the presentations together. The proposed climate adjustment was the most insightful and makes the most sense. I hope the State Water Resource Control Board approves or modifies the climate adjustment to account for the different climate zones in the State of California.

Respectfully,

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