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Ms. Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board  
1001 I Street, 24th floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814



**RE: Comment Letter – Urban Water Conservation Workshop**

Dear Ms. Townsend:

On behalf of the Marin County Board of Supervisors, I write to submit comments regarding the State Water Board's solicitation of input on potential adjustments to the February 2016 Emergency Regulation in response to precipitation amounts and other drought indicators across the state for consideration and possible action by the Water Board in May 2016.

With respect to Governor Brown's Executive Orders which directed the State Water Resources Control Board to implement mandatory water reductions statewide to reduce potable urban water usage by 25% through February, 2016, in Marin County these restrictions affected our two largest water districts and several smaller water utilities. The Marin Municipal Water District fell under Conservation Tier 5, for a target reduction of 20%. The North Marin Water District fell under Conservation Tier 6, for a target reduction of 24%. Both of these larger Districts exceeded their target reductions. The smaller water utilities in Marin County also complied with the Statewide Emergency Water Conservation Regulations.

We are fortunate in Marin County to have received plentiful rains this winter, such that all seven of Marin's reservoirs are now at capacity. Marin County is also proud to have demonstrated an ongoing commitment to conservation, as exemplified by our two largest water districts having exceeded their reduction targets.

While recognizing that many regions of California have not received as much rain as the North San Francisco Bay Area in recent months, we respectfully request that the State Water Resources Control Board provide consideration to those communities or areas of the state with adequate water supply or snow pack with adoption of reduced or less stringent usage restrictions going forward. We are fortunate in Marin County to have an adequate supply of water in our community, and we will nevertheless maintain our longstanding commitment to conservation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Kinsey, President  
Marin County Board of Supervisors

cc: Senator Mike McGuire  
Assembly Member Marc Levine