State Water Board  
Attn: Jessica Bean  

Re: Mandatory Conservation: Achieving a 25% statewide reduction in Potable Urban Water Use  

Ms. Bean:  

Rabb Park Community Services District is a very small rural community water district located in the western Sierra Nevada Mountains at an elevation of 3,600ft, approximately twenty miles ENE of Jackson, CA. We purchase our potable water from the Amador Water Agency (AWA) and manage the distribution of this water via our district-owned infrastructure. We have 63 full-time residents/renters, 48 vacation/nonresidents, and 24 unimproved lots with no water service.  

The majority of these full-time/renters are fixed income retirees or low income families. For the most part, the only water consumption for this populace is for sanitary and life sustaining purposes; only four (4) of these properties have any kind of watered landscaping, everyone else has naturally watered vegetation. All of these residents are “water conservative” aware, and have been practicing water conservation for several years, even prior to 2013. To ask them to reduce their usage below their current levels, let alone 25%, would have an overwhelming negative effect on their lives and health.  

We have, and will continue to, emphasize the importance of water conservation through a positive outreach program, but to mandate the
requirement of a 25% reduction would certainly be excessive retribution for a requirement they have little or no control over.

We, therefore, would like to request an exception to this mandate and would like to know the procedure to submit this exception.

Thank you for your assistance. Please let me know if you have any questions or need further information.

Respectfully,

[Dutch Green, President]

cc: Gene Mancebo, General Manager, AWA