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Jeanine,

I was given your name as the first line of contact. Please forward to Felicia Marcus.

In the Sacramento Bee on April 8th, 2015, there is an article discussing proposed plans to assess varying water reduction requirements *based on the area of the county you live in*. I live in Carmichael and the proposed cuts for Carmichael are 35%. Other areas that supposedly use less water face less draconian cuts.

I fully understand the need to reduce water usage in the drought conditions we currently face. I support this type of measure in general. ***However making the mandatory cuts based on the area in which we live seems unfair.*** I trust that your data is correct and it is probably true that people in Carmichael, or Granite Bay, or Fair Oaks, etc. use more water than other areas of the county. But does this mean that 'all residents' of these areas are guilty of this? By mandating a 35% cut to all of Carmichael it appears as though the Water Resources board is convicting all Carmichael residents of overuse of water.

I can attest that in the past one of my neighbors has watered his lawn every day, even when it rains. Yes, this is a waste of water. But again, does this mean all of Carmichael is guilty of this?

At my home we water only on the allowable water days. We turn our sprinklers off during rainy times (including yesterday). We minimize use of our washers and dishwashers. We take shorter showers. In short, we try to be good stewards of our precious resources.

Yet, if the proposed water reduction requirements are approved we will be penalized for the actions of others.

Water meters were installed throughout most if not all of the county over the past few years. Why not take advantage of this resource and take the required cuts to the appropriate level, the specific address. This way, if a user has mismanaged their water use they are subject to the more significant cuts while other, more prudent users, are subject to less significant cuts. This is what is being considered at the community level already, why not take it to where it belongs, the end user? With today's technology and the water meter information available this should not be an overly difficult task.

I look forward to your thoughts and comments.

Warmest Regards,

Steve Mueller