

Dear Jessica Bean

I would like to thank you for your responsive changes to the proposed water conservation framework. It was impressive that not only was the State Board team able to digest the many letters but you crafted a well thought response that helps most of the agriculture community such as the Avocado and outdoor nursery stock operations in San Diego. San Diego is very unique in that most of the high value intensive agriculture that can exceed \$500,000 per acre is done on residential land using potable water via what is usually the Municipal and Industrial systems. However I and many other intensive operations are not in the traditional districts that supply the Orchards and Ornamental Nurseries and my water district, Olivenhain Municipal Water District (OMWD) does not come close to approaching the twenty percent threshold you have set. I am now facing a thirty six percent cut in deliveries for my operation. I am sure you will find a better way to craft the cut backs so that they do not effect non residential users that must have water supply to continue in business.

In the San Diego region we have spent over **\$3.5 billion** dollars since 1991 when we were 90% dependent on our water from the MWD to reduce our dependence on MWD to less than 40% of our water. My water district, OMWD, will have desal water in September available for our use and will not be able to deliver this drought proof source to me if this current draft is implemented. This would be an awful example of poor implementation of a necessary reduction in water use for Southern California. This potentially would send the wrong message to other regions who are just now starting on creating alternate sources of local sustainable supply which is important to all regions to avoid a catastrophic economic result during a drought. We have paid for the drought proofing of our region. Now I will not only have no access to those alternate water supplies but they will still have to be paid for. I believe the last figure I have heard for the desal plant in Carlsbad is another 1 billion dollars! In the past two droughts the water agencies would ask for voluntary reductions which our farm would meet and then the mandatory cuts that followed made it difficult to meet exposing us to significant penalties. In one case I would have owed an additional \$6,000 for 1 months water use. Lucky for me the urban community (which only had voluntary goals at the time) cut back enough that the OMWD was able to meet the water conservation goals set by MWD. The OMWD was able to then forgive the penalties even though I had exceeded my yearly allocation*.

Please find a way to exclude my agriculture from the proposed 36% cuts as my water district (OMWD) actually does have the alternative local sustainable (expensive) sources to supply my farm. I would also urge you to work with the San Diego County Water authority and allow them the flexibility to use the expensive alternative supplies we as ratepayers have paid for in case just for this situation.

Respectfully
Eric T Anderson
Family Farmer and Member of San Diego Regional Board

* My farm had cut over 35% the previous year during the voluntary cut back period by dropping some high water crops