I realize with the severity of the drought that restrictions have to be placed on the use of water throughout the state and I support that. I personally have already cut back on my water usage in many ways.

However, when applying the reduction percentages for each city, I hope you will take into consideration that some cities have already imposed restrictions on usage and those cities should not have the same percentage reductions as cities that have not been restricting usage. For two years now, the City of Buena Park has mandated watering only one day a week during the months of November through March and three times a week the rest of the year.

Because Buena Park has already been restricting water use by its residents, our reduction percentage should be lower than cities that have not already been restricting usage. I hope you will take that fact into consideration when making your mandated reductions for cities.

I also hope that you will restrict the amount of water that huge golf courses and other large areas use. In addition, to my knowledge, water fountains that use recycled water have not been restricted, but remember that on warm days some of that water evaporates and must be replaced by additional water. Fountains are nice, but not necessary when they use up needed water.

Sincerely,

Joan Cutler