



**MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA**  
CITY OF LONG BEACH

April 22, 2015

Felicia Marcus, Chair  
California Water Resources Control Board  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Revised City of Long Beach Comments on Draft Emergency Regulations for Urban Water Conservation

Dear Chair Marcus:


The City of Long Beach respectfully submits the following comments on the Board's revised Draft Emergency Regulations for Urban Water Conservation. These comments supersede those previously submitted on April 13, 2015.

The City of Long Beach and our Board of Water Commissioners very much appreciate the modifications made to the proposed regulation on April 18, 2015. The revised tier structure does a much better job of recognizing our city's past conservation efforts, which we are very proud of. Additionally, the change from month-by-month compliance to cumulative compliance is greatly appreciated.

With regard to the prohibition against irrigating street medians, we respectfully request that we be allowed to work with your staff to suggest alternative approaches which accomplish our mutual water conservation goals, while at the same time allow us to preserve the beauty and integrity of our street medians. We are concerned with, among other things, the preservation of healthy trees and the importance they have on our environment.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these draft water conservation regulations. The City of Long Beach stands ready to work with the State Board on this critically important matter.

Sincerely,

  
Mayor Robert Garcia

Cc: City Council  
City Manager  
Board of Water Commissioners  
Department Heads