

Members of the waterboard,

My family of four live in Portola Valley. For many years we have been very conscious of our water consumption, to the point that last year we were recognized for our low water usage.

The few areas on our property that get any water are hand watered, mostly with recycled water, we have water saving toilets, take short showers and have a bucket in the shower to catch water before it is warm enough to shower.

We are glad to contribute our part to the conservation of the environment and we do understand the water crisis we are in now.

However, from what we can read in the press, we are, again, headed for crude water saving regulations where mandated savings are based on average consumption by city or district and then applied to individual households. That, again, rewards the biggest water users in those towns.

We already consume less than 20% of the average water usage in Portola Valley. Imposing another 35% savings on us is by all measures unfair.

We therefore urge the board to implement the water rationing more fairly, based on household, property size and so on.

Respectfully yours

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