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Submitted via email

State Water Resources Control Board
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RE: Article 22.5 Drought Emergency Conservation
Proposed Text of Emergency Regulation

Section 864. (2)
“The use of a hose that dispenses potable water to wash a motor vehicle, except where the hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle or device attached to it that causes it to cease dispensing water immediately when not in use.”

The regulation should not limit the use to washing a “motor vehicle.” A hose could be used to wash equipment, devices, homes, etc. that would be appropriately limited as well. The Mariposa Public Utility District expanded the definition in the local water use ordinance as follows:
The use of any hand-held hose not equipped with an automatic positive shut-off nozzle to wash any equipment outside of structures, including motor vehicles, trailers, tractors etc.

Section 864. (5)
“The application of potable water to outdoor landscapes during and within 48 hours after measurable rainfall.”

The regulation should define measurable rainfall including the rain gauge station or device that will be used for enforcement. Locally we are considering a definition of “measurable rainfall” as .20 inches as indicated at the gauging station closest or within the service area that is uploaded hourly to the California Data Exchange Center (CDEC) and available real time to anyone with internet access.

Sincerely,

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