



**RIO LINDA ELVERTA
RECREATION AND
PARK DISTRICT**



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Subject: Emergency Water Conservation

To Whom It May Concern:

First allow me to commend the State Water Board and the Governor for taking action relative to the current drought situation in our State.

There are many who realize that this drought condition is not only an act of nature but also man made. Specifically, governments neglect relative to the financing and development of adequate water retention structures that would minimize water loss via runoff. In addition, the millions of acre feet of water being released down rivers to insure fish get to the ocean. I appreciate conservation but when have fish become more important than people? Species of plant and animal life have been discovered and have gone extinct almost on a daily basis since the earth was created.

Since our government has in large part placed the State in this water shortage situation may I suggest an alternative to blanket cut backs that may help ease the pain. It is common knowledge that landscape such as lawns, parkways and medians will probably brown first. Las Vegas Nevada is a good example of this. This means families have no green areas to enjoy either privately or collectively.

Since I support human welfare over fish I suggest you relieve the Park and Recreation Agencies to some degree on watering restrictions to allow public parks to stay green. This will provide at least one sanctuary for people to come and enjoy picnicking, laying under the shade of a tree, and participating in a variety of both youth and adult sports.

It is important that the human species has an oasis where they can retreat to maintain some degree of quality of life. After all are we not at least equal to the Fish?

Respectfully,

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