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To: commentletters
Cc: Cindy Roth; girish@riversideca.gov; Bailey, Rusty
Subject: Comments on Final Draft Regulations to Implement EO for Water Conservation
Attachments: GRCC MAY 2015 RPU Water Letter.pdf

To Whom It May Concern,

Please see the attached file as well as below for a letter on behalf of Cindy Roth, President/CEO of the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce.

ATTACHED LETTER

May 4, 2015

Felicia Marcus, Chair
California State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, California 95814

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Dear Chair Marcus:

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The Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce strongly endorses this regulatory addition as an economic necessity.

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Specifically, we recommend the Board revise Section 865 (c) (2) to allow water suppliers whose supplies include groundwater to apply for inclusion in the 4% reserve tier if it can be demonstrated that they have a minimum of 4 years of supply, do not rely on imported water, and their groundwater supplies recharge naturally.

Respectfully,

Cindy Roth
President/CEO

cc: Girish Balachandran, General Manager, Riverside Public Utilities
William R. Bailey, Mayor, City of Riverside

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

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