



December 2, 2015

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Attn: Jeanine Townsend
Via Email Only

Subject: Comment Letter - Urban Water Conservation Workshop

Dear Ms. Townsend:

The Castaic Lake Water Agency appreciates this opportunity to comment on the potential extension and modification of the existing Emergency Regulation for Statewide Urban Water Conservation (Emergency Regulation) if drought conditions persist into 2016. Our Agency provides supplemental imported water to the Santa Clarita Valley and also operates its Santa Clarita Water Division that provides retail water service to a population of approximately 121,700.

Governor Brown's November 13, 2015 Executive Order provided the opportunity for the State Water Board to consider modifying drought restrictions to reflect insights gained from the existing restrictions. The Agency supports ACWA's November 30, 2015 comment letter, particularly as it relates to the following potential adjustments.

Growth Adjustment - To more equitably distribute the burden of the Emergency Regulations, revisions should incorporate adjustments that reflect growth that has occurred in water agencies' service areas. As current regulations assume a steady-state population, water agencies experiencing growth are effectively being asked to increase per capita conservation.

Climate Adjustment - To more equitably distribute the burden of the Emergency Regulation, revisions should incorporate adjustments that reflect the differences in climates. The water use needed for plant materials in more arid climates, which experience higher evapotranspiration (ET), require greater quantities of water.

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We appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments and look forward to the State Water Resources Control Board's consideration of these comments as it develops revised regulations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dan Masnada for".

Dan Masnada
General Manager