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Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Emergency Regulations for Statewide Urban Water Conservation.

First, I live in Solana Beach in San Diego County. WE DO NOT HAVE A SEVERE DROUGHT IN THIS REGION! We have 99% of the water we need by SDCWA's own admission and the largest de-sal plant in the country coming on line.

Eliminate So Cal from your severe unnecessary restrictions. Stop the Governor from yelling, "Fire" when there is no fire down here.

Second, The Governor's 'One size fits all' approach is wrong. No. Cal has a severe drought but no matter how much I / we save in SD County it will not help No. Cal. We don't pump water up hill. Fast track 2 or 3 De-sal plants in No. Cal and create a reliable water supply up there.

Third, reasonable conservation requests are fine, but I'm tired of living like I'm in a 3rd world country when there is no reason for that here in this area.

Fourth, allow districts to have 'sub-categories' and credits for those who have spent money to reduce water use before and after 2013. Also, someone living in a condo or has a SFR on a 5,000 sf lot can't reduce water use as easily as someone on 2-3 acres.

Fifth, re-evaluate the need for 128 +/- water agencies / districts in this state and require, no, mandate smaller districts to consolidate. Water districts and agencies have become shadow governments with too much money, regulatory power and personal fiefdoms with little accountability. Don't believe me? Mandate this and listen to the screaming and district fights to keep their turf!

Sixth, Instead of automatically raising rates because water sales are down, use this crises to get lean and mean, eliminate middle management and non-essential positions, reduce existing salaries (at least temporarily). Why do board members receive compensation, medical and dental care on my dime anyway? Let's reduce the cost of water not increase it.

Seventh, Provide 'fast track' access / reduce 'red tape' for immediate subsidized residential use of existing 'Purple Pipe' water for outdoor landscaping vs sending to the ocean. Our area HOAs have 400 + homes with direct, immediate access to p/p water located on the slopes of our backyards which we have been flat told by the SFID we are not allowed to access per 'the regulators'. I thought we were in an emergency situation?

Emergencies require immediate, out of the box thinking and solutions.

Eighth, stop sending delta water out to the ocean to save a 3" smelt? Get your environmental wackos in line. People Matter! Figure something out!

Ninth, stop spending billions on a train to no-where and divert those funds to the No. Cal water emergency! it can be built later...much later.

Thank you for finally doing something to rectify the Governor's over the top mandate.
Thank you!