On behalf of the Industrial Environmental Association of San Diego, which represents over 45 large manufacturing companies in the San Diego region, I am contacting you to comment on the Emergency Regulations for Statewide Urban Water Conservation. IEA’s members include heavy manufacturers, high tech companies and biotech firms. San Diegans have invested in drought-resistant and sustainable water supplies and it is critical that those investments be taken into consideration as the State Board begins to plan for the next round of drought conditions in California. I urge the State Board to adopt the modifications to the existing emergency regulation to allow water agencies to achieve state water-use targets through a combination of conservation and sustainable drinking water supplies, such as desalination, potable reuse, and long-term transfers of conserved water. The State Board has a unique opportunity to incentivize the development of sustainable water supplies -- not only for this drought -- but to better prepare California for future droughts.

Thank you for your consideration.

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