Comment Letter - Urban Water Conservation Workshop

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

I am writing to express my dismay that the current across the board regulations do not take into consideration efforts that regions such as San Diego have put in place to proactively address water conservation. As Gov, Brown suggested, it is time to be strategic and to 'make adjustments'.

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 incent the development of sustainable water supplies -- not only for this drought -- but to better prepare California for future droughts. I urge you to be strategic in refining regulations to reward regions that have been addressing water conservancy. The blunt instrument of across the board mandates creates perverse incentives --- why bother to plan ahead if you get hammered anyway?

Thank you.