TO SWRCB:

I have lived in San Diego county for over sixty-five years and have always been extremelly pro-water conservation due to the knowledge of our county’s limited rainfall, except during occasional El Ninos. Now we are receiving less rain than usual due to the drought.

It is important to understand San Diego is unique among California refions in having prepared for decades for drought conditions lie the one we are currently experiencing.

1. San Diego and its many agencies has clearly shown it can conserve water when asked.

2. In addition San Diego has built over decades a vast system of storing run-off water, and the ability to shift the water from one reservoir to another, depending upon needs.

3. San Diego is working on a widespread water purification system for turning sewage effluent into pure drinking water.

4. San Diego already has a major investment in the 'purple pipe' recycled water, which reduces the need for potable water.

5. San Diego is also unique in spending the tremendous time and money to put on line the first desal reverse osmosis purification plant, which will go online next year, producing over 50 million gallons of water every day. It will be the largest seawater desalination plant in the Western Hemisphere.

6. Most meteorology experts predict a 'Godzilla' scale El Nino in the next few months. Let's see how this fills our reservoirs, saturates our landscape, and replenishes our ground water systems

There is no need for the SWRCB to control our county's water usage past the governor's Executive order ending Feb 28, 2016. This would be a governmental overreach. Give the people, local governments and water agencies of San Diego county some credit for a job well done.
Sincerely,

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