



Re: Your request for comment on additional actions the SWRC Board should take to prepare for further drought.

Comment:

Before proposing to rework the existing water right system, your direction on conservation needs to be consistent and strict to all water purveyors.

Your regulation on watering lawns is inconsistent, unequal, and unfair regarding restrictions on watering lawns. It leads to a huge waste of water, which can short us all in continuing droughts. A reasonable restriction should be simple, without "loopholes," and should include at a minimum a prohibition on watering lawns with potable water to no more than 2 days per week. No watering should be allowed between 9am-7pm for everyone in California, including farmers, and not just purveyors with less than 3,000 customers and not just in droughts!

Why how silly you look to restrict our small community while LA & SF Bay Area continue to water their lawns everyday!

Lawns are a giant waste of water, which hurts us all! If the State Capitol can stop watering their lawn, so should we.

Thank you,  
Rich Farrington

**State of California  
Office of Administrative Law**

**In re:**  
**State Water Resources Control Board**

**Regulatory Action:**

**Title 23, California Code of Regulations**

**Adopt sections: 863, 864, 865**

**Amend sections:**

**Repeal sections:**

**NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY  
REGULATORY ACTION**

**Government Code Sections 11346.1 and  
11349.6**

**OAL File No. 2014-0718-01 E**

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The State Water Resources Control Board (Board) submitted this emergency action to adopt three sections and a new article in title 23 of the California Code of Regulations pertaining to drought emergency water conservation. The proposed action addresses severe impacts on California's water supplies and its ability to meet all water demands in the state due to the current drought, which was declared to be a state of emergency by Governor Brown in two executive orders issued in 2014. The second executive order, issued April 25, 2014, directed the Board to adopt emergency regulations, pursuant to Water Code section 1058.5, to ensure that urban water suppliers implement drought response plans to limit outdoor irrigation and other wasteful water practices.

OAL approves this emergency regulatory action pursuant to sections 11346.1 and 11349.6 of the Government Code.

This emergency regulatory action is effective on 7/28/2014 and, pursuant to section 1058.5 of the Water Code, will expire on 4/25/2015. The Certificate of Compliance for this action is due no later than 4/24/2015.

Date: 7/28/2014



Richard L. Smith  
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For: DEBRA M. CORNEZ  
Director

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NOTICE PUBLICATION/REGULATIONS SUBMISSION

See instructions on reverse)

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NOTICE	REGULATIONS

AGENCY WITH RULEMAKING AUTHORITY  
State Water Resources Control Board

AGENCY FILE NUMBER (if any)

A. PUBLICATION OF NOTICE (Complete for publication in Notice Register)

1. SUBJECT OF NOTICE Drought Emergency Water Conservation	TITLE(S) 23	FIRST SECTION AFFECTED 863	2. REQUESTED PUBLICATION DATE
3. NOTICE TYPE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice re Proposed Regulatory Action <input type="checkbox"/> Other	4. AGENCY CONTACT PERSON Carlos Mejia	TELEPHONE NUMBER (916) 341-5184	FAX NUMBER (Optional) (916) 341-5199
OAL USE ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> Approved as Submitted <input type="checkbox"/> Approved as Modified <input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved/Withdrawn	ACTION ON PROPOSED NOTICE	NOTICE REGISTER NUMBER	PUBLICATION DATE

B. SUBMISSION OF REGULATIONS (Complete when submitting regulations)

1a. SUBJECT OF REGULATION(S) Drought Emergency Water Conservation	1b. ALL PREVIOUS RELATED OAL REGULATORY ACTION NUMBER(S)
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2. SPECIFY CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS TITLE(S) AND SECTION(S) (Including title 26, if toxics related)	
SECTION(S) AFFECTED (List all section number(s) individually. Attach additional sheet if needed.)	ADOPT 863, 864, 865 AMEND REPEAL
TITLE(S) 23 via 7/18/14	

3. TYPE OF FILING			
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Rulemaking (Gov. Code §11346)	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Compliance: The agency officer named below certifies that this agency complied with the provisions of Gov. Code §511346.2-11347.3 either before the emergency regulation was adopted or within the time period required by statute.	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Readopt (Gov. Code, §11346.1(h))	<input type="checkbox"/> Changes Without Regulatory Effect (Cal. Code Regs., title 1, §100)
<input type="checkbox"/> Resubmission of disapproved or withdrawn nonemergency filing (Gov. Code §§11349.3, 11349.4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Resubmission of disapproved or withdrawn emergency filing (Gov. Code, §11346.1)	<input type="checkbox"/> File & Print	<input type="checkbox"/> Print Only per agency request RS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emergency (Gov. Code, §11346.1(b))		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <b>Emergency (Wat. Code, §1058.5)</b>	

4. ALL BEGINNING AND ENDING DATES OF AVAILABILITY OF MODIFIED REGULATIONS AND/OR MATERIAL ADDED TO THE RULEMAKING FILE (Cal. Code Regs. title 1, §44 and Gov. Code §11347.1)

5. EFFECTIVE DATE OF CHANGES (Gov. Code, §§ 11343.4, 11346.1(d); Cal. Code Regs., title 1, §100)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Effective January 1, April 1, July 1, or October 1 (Gov. Code §11343.4(a))	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Effective on filing with Secretary of State	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Changes Without Regulatory Effect	<input type="checkbox"/> Effective other (Specify)

6. CHECK IF THESE REGULATIONS REQUIRE NOTICE TO, OR REVIEW, CONSULTATION, APPROVAL OR CONCURRENCE BY, ANOTHER AGENCY OR ENTITY			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Department of Finance (Form STD. 399) (SAM §6660)	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair Political Practices Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> State Fire Marshal	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <b>request RS</b>			

7. CONTACT PERSON Carlos Mejia	TELEPHONE NUMBER (916) 341-5184	FAX NUMBER (Optional) (916) 341-5199	E-MAIL ADDRESS (Optional) carlos.mejia@waterboards.ca.gov
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8. I certify that the attached copy of the regulation(s) is a true and correct copy of the regulation(s) identified on this form, that the information specified on this form is true and correct, and that I am the head of the agency taking this action, or a designee of the head of the agency, and am authorized to make this certification.

SIGNATURE OF AGENCY HEAD OR DESIGNEE 	DATE 7-17-2014
TYPED NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNATORY Caren Trgovcich, Chief Deputy Director, State Water Resources Control Board	

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# PROPOSED TEXT OF EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

## Article 22.5. Drought Emergency Water Conservation.

### Section 863. Findings of Drought Emergency.

(a) The State Water Resources Control Board finds as follows:

(1) On January 17, 2014, the Governor issued a proclamation of a state of emergency under the California Emergency Services Act based on drought conditions;

(2) On April 25, 2014, the Governor issued a proclamation of a continued state of emergency under the California Emergency Services Act based on continued drought conditions;

(3) The drought conditions that formed the basis of the Governor's emergency proclamations continue to exist;

(4) The present year is critically dry and has been immediately preceded by two or more consecutive below normal, dry, or critically dry years; and

(5) The drought conditions will likely continue for the foreseeable future and additional action by both the State Water Resources Control Board and local water suppliers will likely be necessary to further promote conservation.

Note:

Authority: Section 1058.5, Water Code.

Reference: Sections 102, 104 and 105, Water Code.

### Section 864. Prohibited Activities in Promotion of Water Conservation.

(a) To promote water conservation, each of the following actions is prohibited, except where necessary to address an immediate health and safety need or to comply with a term or condition in a permit issued by a state or federal agency:

(1) The application of potable water to outdoor landscapes in a manner that causes runoff such that water flows onto adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, parking lots, or structures;

(2) The use of a hose that dispenses potable water to wash a motor vehicle, except where the hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle or device attached to it that causes it to cease dispensing water immediately when not in use;

(3) The application of potable water to driveways and sidewalks; and

(4) The use of potable water in a fountain or other decorative water feature, except where the water is part of a recirculating system.

(b) The taking of any action prohibited in subdivision (a) of this section, in addition to any other applicable civil or criminal penalties, is an infraction, punishable by a fine of up to five hundred dollars (\$500) for each day in which the violation occurs.

Note:

Authority: Section 1058.5, Water Code.

Reference: Sections 102, 104 and 105, Water Code.

### Section 865. Mandatory Actions by Water Suppliers.

(a) The term "urban water supplier," when used in this section, refers to a supplier that meets the definition set forth in Water Code section 10617, except it does not refer to

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suppliers when they are functioning solely in a wholesale capacity, but does apply to suppliers when they are functioning in a retail capacity.

(b)(1) To promote water conservation, each urban water supplier shall implement all requirements and actions of the stage of its water shortage contingency plan that imposes mandatory restrictions on outdoor irrigation of ornamental landscapes or turf with potable water.

(2) As an alternative to subdivision (b)(1), an urban water supplier may submit a request to the Executive Director for approval of an alternate plan that includes allocation-based rate structures that satisfies the requirements of chapter 3.4 (commencing with section 370) of division 1 of the Water Code, and the Executive Director may approve such an alternate plan upon determining that the rate structure, in conjunction with other measures, achieves a level of conservation that would be superior to that achieved by implementing limitations on outdoor irrigation of ornamental landscapes or turf with potable water by the persons it serves to no more than two days per week.

(c) To promote water conservation, each urban water supplier that does not have a water shortage contingency plan or has been notified by the Department of Water Resources that its water shortage contingency plan does not meet the requirements of Water Code section 10632 shall, within thirty (30) days, limit outdoor irrigation of ornamental landscapes or turf with potable water by the persons it serves to no more than two days per week or shall implement another mandatory conservation measure or measures intended to achieve a comparable reduction in water consumption by the persons it serves relative to the amount consumed in 2013.

(d) In furtherance of the promotion of water conservation each urban water supplier shall prepare and submit to the State Water Resources Control Board by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month a monitoring report on forms provided by the Board. The monitoring report shall include the amount of potable water the urban water supplier produced, including water provided by a wholesaler, in the preceding calendar month and shall compare that amount to the amount produced in the same calendar month in 2013. Beginning October 15, 2014, the monitoring report shall also estimate the gallons of water per person per day used by the residential customers it serves. In its initial monitoring report, each urban water supplier shall state the number of persons it serves.

(e) To promote water conservation, each distributor of a public water supply, as defined in Water Code section 350, that is not an urban water supplier shall, within thirty (30) days, take one or more of the following actions:

(1) Limit outdoor irrigation of ornamental landscapes or turf with potable water by the persons it serves to no more than two days per week; or

(2) Implement another mandatory conservation measure or measures intended to achieve a comparable reduction in water consumption by the persons it serves relative to the amount consumed in 2013.

### Note:

Authority: Section 1058.5, Water Code.

Reference: Sections 102, 104, 105, 350, 10617 and 10632, Water Code.