

## The City of Azusa



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Ms. Jeanine Townsend
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State Water Resources Control Board
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 ${f SUBJECT}$ : Comment Letter on Proposed Drought Emergency Regulations (July 15-16, 2014 BOARD MEETING)

Dear Ms. Townsend:

I wanted to commend the State Water Resources Control Board for their consideration of Emergency Regulations related to the ongoing drought conditions.

Azusa Light & Water is in full agreement with the proposed regulations and urges their adoption as being a necessary action to address deepening water shortage conditions.

Azusa Light & Water serves a population of about 110,000 in the San Gabriel Valley region of Los Angeles County. The Azusa Utility Board has adopted a Water Shortage Declaration that was effective in June 2013 and affirmed in May 2014 through implementation of Phase III of its Water Shortage Plan. Under Phase III, mandatory water restrictions are imposed similar to that being established in the Emergency Regulations and outside watering is limited to two days a week. Citations are issued for violations in amounts ranging from \$50 to as much as \$600 per violation.

With many water agencies in the Southern California region, each having different water supply situations and drought responses, the establishment of state-wide mandatory measures will improve consistency in water customer communications and messaging.

Thank you for the proactive attention to this very critical and worsening situation.

Sincere ly

George F. Morrow **Director of Utilities**.