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State Water Resources Control Board  
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March 12, 2015



Re: Proposed Resolution to Amend and Readopt Drought Related Emergency Regulations for Urban Water Conservation

Dear Chair Marcus and Members of the State Board:

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on this all-important item as California enters its fourth year of drought. To-Date (since Governor Brown signed his executive order declaring a drought in late January 2014), North Marin Water District (NMWD) has reduced total water production by 540MG compared to the equivalent period in 2013. This was done by North Marin customers taking steps to reduce outdoor irrigation and wasteful water practices beginning in February 2014. NMWD has also complied with the Emergency Water Conservation Regulations enacted by the State Board in July 2014 and since that time cumulative total potable water production is down 20% compared to 2013.

The 2014-15 water year has been better than last as NMWD's local surface water reservoir, Stafford Lake, filled in mid-December 2014. Since NMWD has a better water supply situation this year we ask for some flexibility to manage customer water use by using the same provisions adopted by the State Board last year and urge the State Board to reinsert the language now removed from Section 865(c) of the proposed text of emergency regulations. This will enable urban water suppliers to "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."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris DeGabriele".

Chris DeGabriele  
General Manager

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