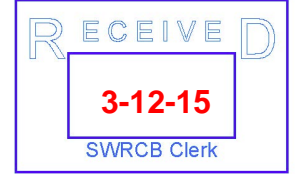




March 12, 2015  
(3/17-18/15) Board Meeting- Item 7  
Urban Water Emergency Regs  
Deadline: 3/16/15 by 12:00 noon



Felicia Marcus,  
Chair, State Water Resources Control Board  
and Members  
c/o Jeanine Townsend  
Clerk to the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board  
1001 I Street, 24<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Subject: Proposed Resolution to Update and Readopt Drought-Related Emergency Regulations for Urban Water Conservation**

Dear Chair Marcus and Members:

Sierra Club California supports and thanks the State Water Resources Control Board (Board) for proposing new emergency regulations for conservation. These measures expand upon the success of last year's regulations, and include common sense measures that expand mandatory use restrictions to save water and help Californians understand that the drought is here. In turn, this will drive further voluntary conservation in the home.

We also welcome the greater reporting requirements than last year. These will allow the Board to understand the impacts of efforts, and determine the best ways to manage this drought should it continue into the future

One suggestion we had that we would like to see is the development of a statewide hotline that individuals could use to report waste. While many local agencies have numbers available, it would be easier for individuals to have a single place they can report to, and it would help to have a single number to advertise.

The emergency regulations are necessary to promote urban conservation in this drought. We support them as a means to help California cope with shortage this year and as a good start for achieving permanent water conservation.

Sincerely,

Kyle Jones  
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Sierra Club California