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Thank you for the opportunity to comment concerning the State Water Resources Control Board's proposed Emergency Regulations for Urban Water suppliers. I am sending the following comments from the City of Lompoc, California:

The City of Lompoc is located in Santa Barbara County and has had regulations requiring water conservation since January 16, 1990. The City fully supports water conservation through a wide variety of programs: a toilet retrofit/rebate program; dish washer and clothes washer rebate programs; a rain barrel rebate program; a landscape rebate program; and free leak detection and water audits for City customers. The City is concerned that the following regulations would be difficult to enforce:

1. A restriction that City water customers can only irrigate outdoors two (2) days per week with potable water. Presently, the City of Lompoc does not allow irrigation between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm and does not allow runoff for more than five (5) minutes. This allows City customers to choose days of the week that are best suited to their needs for irrigation and encourages minimal runoff. If the City only allowed irrigation for 2 days per week some customers may be tempted to irrigate longer and actually use more water.
2. A prohibition on irrigation of turf or ornamental landscapes during and 48 hours following measurable precipitation. This prohibition is vague, because "measurable precipitation" is not defined and would be very difficult to enforce.

Please contact me if you have any questions concerning these comments.

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