

THE CITY OF



PLEASANTON®

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Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814



Subject: 2/2/16 Board Meeting – Item 7 (Conservation Extended Emergency Regulation)

Dear State Water Resources Control Board,

The City of Pleasanton (Pleasanton) appreciates the opportunity to provide the Board comments in regards to the Proposed Emergency Regulation under consideration. Pleasanton commends the Governor and the Board for confronting the serious nature of California's drought and imperiled water supply, while maintaining collaboration with stakeholders. The Pleasanton community actively responded to the drought in 2014 in the ongoing effort to sustain water supply in the Tri-Valley area.

The proposed climate adjustment component of the Proposed Emergency Regulation effects Pleasanton in a unique way. Situated in the far eastern portion of the Bay Area; Pleasanton's city limits fall between two CIMIS ETo Zones (Zone 8 and Zone 14), the Draft Urban Water Conservation Standard for Extended Emergency Regulation Rulemaking – 2016, designates Zone 8 for the City of Pleasanton. However, Pleasanton's climate is characteristically Mediterranean; experiencing hot, dry summers, typical of Zone 14 and very similar to the climate experienced in the Livermore region (which falls under CIMIS ETo Zone 14).

The SWRCB recognizes the environmental importance of preserving trees in our environment through this drought. We feel it is important to note that Pleasanton is largely dominated by an "urban forest"; trees greatly enhance the region and have taken a considerable negative impact from the reduction in landscape watering. Approximately 23,000 City owned trees occupy the near 22-square mile Pleasanton water service area; city owned trees comprise of only a quarter of all estimated trees living within this boundary.

We request the SWRCB consider redefining the City of Pleasanton's CIMIS ETo Zone as Zone 14. Pleasanton supports the continuation of restrictions to help prevent waste and unreasonable use of water and the promotion of continued water conservation in an equitable manner. Our community has and continues to respond proactively in reducing water use to levels that surpass our conservation standard target. We believe a CIMIS ETo Zone 14 designation is appropriately characteristic of the microclimate Pleasanton experiences, and would provide a modest climate adjustment to help preserve the trees in our area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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