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Felicia Marcus, Chair
c/o Ms. Jeanine Townsend, Clerk
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Comment Letter – Urban Water Conservation Workshop

Dear Chair Marcus and Members of the Board:

California Water Service (Cal Water) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments regarding the extension and potential modification of the current Emergency Regulation for Statewide Urban Water Conservation (Emergency Regulation).

Although we have not reached the end of the water year, it is clear that drought conditions have been alleviated in parts of the state. Given the improvement in water supply conditions, we believe that it is appropriate to pivot our focus from emergency response to long-term water-use regulations.

However, having said that, we would also support the Board taking the conservative approach of extending the Emergency Regulations until a complete assessment of the water year can be conducted in April.

Regardless of which path the Board chooses to take, we strongly recommend that, to the greatest extent possible, water-use regulations reflect local water supply conditions.

I'd like to commend you for your thoughtful, intelligent leadership and thank you for all of the excellent work you and your staff have done thus far.

Again, we appreciate the opportunity to provide comments and look forward to working with the State Water Board and other stakeholders on this and other related issues. As always, if we can be of any help, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shannon Dean". The signature is stylized and includes a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Shannon Dean
Vice President, Corporate Communications & Community Affairs

Cc: Mr. Rami S. Kahlon, CPUC Director, Division of Water & Audits

