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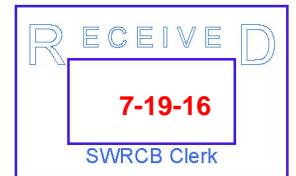
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Public Comment
Proposed Drinking Water Fee Regs
Deadline: 7/29/16 by 5:00pm

July 18, 2016

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk of the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
PO Box 100
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000



Dear Madam Clerk and Board Members,

I am writing to you in response to the proposed changes to the Drinking Water Fee Regulations.

First, I cannot tell by the documents provided when these fees would take effect. Most of our fiscal year's start in July, much like the State. Any increases must be planned for in our budgets and well in advance. We also have to consider if any State increase will create a situation that might trigger a rate increase. As you are aware, this causes us to have to go through the Prop 218 process that takes time. Any increase in your fees should be done with these planning issues in mind.

Secondly, the change in Severely Disadvantaged to Disadvantaged community with the percentage of statewide median annual household income from 60% to 80% is a huge jump. As you know, these definitions are often used in grants for needy communities. The effect on small severely disadvantaged communities would be great!

Lastly, increasing fees 33% for small water districts would be devastating! It is already hard enough to have people pay the fees that we charge just to stay afloat. Our District has 600 connections and our customers are mostly low to very low income. Any further increase would create a situation whereby more people would not or could not pay for water services.

We would appreciate your consideration into this matter!

Sincerely,

Chris Gallagher
General Manager