



## NEWHALL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

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20X2020 Agency Team  
Department of Water Resources,  
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Re: 20x2020 Water Conservation Plan Comments

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Newhall County Water District is fully supportive of the fact that we in California need to protect our water for the future. The Governor's call to conserve 20% by 2020 is definitely a step we should take. However, we have some concerns with the 20x2020 Water Conservation Plan:

1. Determining baseline GPCD - We disagree with the idea a fine level of detail is not necessary to develop a plan. Each water agency should have the flexibility to determine their baseline and savings goals with a reconciliation process to show the State how they are meeting their goal.
2. Comprehensive solution - The plan doesn't stress that water conservation must be part of comprehensive solution that involves a variety of resource options.
3. Public goods charge for water - We are opposed to the concept of mandating a public goods charge for water.
4. Local management - The plan should more fully stress the importance of local water agencies designing and implementing the conservation programs.
5. One size fits all - The plan should make clear that the most successful programs will be designed with the flexibility to adjust to widely varying local circumstances. e.g. Determining GPCD by Hydrologic region.

Thank you for the opportunity to be a participant in the 20x2020 Water Conservation Plan. We look forward to working with you in the future as we design a plan that is acceptable for the State and Water Agencies.

Sincerely,

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General Manager

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