



City of Compton

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
WATER UTILITY DIVISION**

April 13, 2015

(310) 605-5595
Fax. (310) 763-4567

Jessica Bean
State Water Resources Control Board
Post Office Box 100
Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

Sent via Email to: Jessica.Bean@waterboards.ca.gov

Subject: Concerns and Challenges with Proposed Mandatory Conservation

Dear Ms. Bean:

The City of Compton appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback regarding the Draft Regulatory Framework for Mandatory Conservation as released on April 7, 2015. The City of Compton supports the Governor's leadership on this issue and the City of Compton understands we must be at the forefront to promote water conservation in our own community.

The City of Compton has one of the lowest incomes per household rates in the state and as a result residents simply can't afford many of the basic services available (water, electricity, gas) to the community. As indicated on the draft table "Urban Water Suppliers and Proposed Regulatory Framework Tiers to Achieve 25% Use Reduction", the City of Compton's gallons per capita day (GPCD) of 65. This low GPCD is more of a direct reflection of the economic hardship much of this community continues to endure from the recession versus changes in watering habits. Many of our residents only get paid once a month from state or federal assistance. We have heard countless stories from our customers begging for assistance, extensions, and payment plans to pay lesser amounts that will allow them to keep water services on and use their remaining money to buy medication, food or pay rent. If you drive through the City of Compton most of the front yards are brown. Therefore, the prospect of achieving an additional 20% reduction from this community is not feasible.

The City of Compton hereby respectfully requests the state consider income factors combined with existing GPCD when determining the mandatory reductions that must be achieved. The City of Compton is willing to do its part and push for additional conservation throughout our community but compliance of said goals must be realistic and achievable.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Respectfully,

Chad Blais
Deputy Director of Public Works
City of Compton



COMPTON CITY HALL

205 South Willowbrook Avenue Compton, California 90220