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Comments re: structuring a 25% reduction in state wide water usage

The Hi-Desert Water District provides drinking water to 24,000 customers located in Yucca Valley and Yucca Mesa. As a desert community, we have been actively implementing water conservation measures for over 20 years. Almost 90% of the homes have low flow toilets and shower heads as a result of our retrofit program, which we began in 1990, which requires retrofits when homes are sold. We have used a tiered rate structure since the 1990's to encourage water conservation. Since then, we have aggressively pursued a myriad of conservation actions including:

- Toilet Rebate Program
- Cash for Grass Rebate Program
- Website www.HDWDConserves.com
- District Code Chapter 5.7 Mandatory Water Use Restrictions
- Demonstration Garden
- Participate and Sponsor Water Conservation Events

We are also moving forward on a wastewater collection, treatment and reclamation facility that will recharge the groundwater basin with reclaimed water.

In summary, we have been a leader in water conservation as evidenced by our current usage of 85.2 GPCD. The neighboring water district, Joshua Basin, is at 161.3 GPCD and after a proposed 25% reduction, will be at 120 GPCD. Our current usage is already 1/3 less than their usage will be after a 25% reduction. This makes no sense. We respectfully request that the state set a maximum GPCD and not penalize the districts that have been aggressively conserving water for many years.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ed Muzik". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Ed" and "Muzik" being capitalized and prominent.

Ed Muzik

General Manager

