

Dear Ms. Bean:

I am just an ordinary citizen concerned about water and our environment.

I would support imposing penalties on water retail distributors who fail to meet a water reduction target.

Our city sells us water, while the wholesale agent is the Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD). Since the city sets up codes and has information on the customers, it has a more direct role in water conservation and efficiency.

So I think the penalty should be on the city as a local distributor, not on SCVWD.

I also think the penalty should be laid out beforehand on a graded scale, so as to be realistically enforceable. An agency that misses the target by a large amount should pay more than another that misses the target by a small amount. The different grades should be delineated beforehand.

I find it confusing. The Santa Clara Valley Water District has called for 30% reduction. Our city has not taken any new measures yet. The target is set by the city, and not by SCVWD.

I have read that some Californian cities do not have water meters for residents. I think they should be required to do so before a deadline, or else be fined.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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