



April 13, 2015

Ms. Jessica Bean
State Water Resources Control Board
jessica.bean@waterboards.ca.gov

Re: Comments on Rulemaking for the Governor's April 1, 2015, Executive Order

Dear Ms. Bean,

The City of Lake Forest requests that the following comments be considered during the emergency rulemaking process to comply with the Governor's April 1, 2015, Executive Order related to the drought.

1. Although there may be potential conflicts with California Code of Regulations Title 22, we request that the Board consider working with the appropriate agencies to allow the use of currently available recycled water for decorative ponds and man-made lakes. This would increase the overall supply of potable water for other more critical uses.
2. Continue to allow the use of potable water in medians that do not have ornamental grass/turf (This is already implied, but we would prefer a statement that clarifies this, since we are currently forced to use potable water for our medians due to a lack of recycled water systems in our area).
3. Continue to provide grants and rebates to local government agencies for the removal of natural grass/turf and installation of California friendly plants, irrigation retrofits, and other water saving measures.

If you have any questions about our comments or require additional information, please contact me at twheeler@lakeforestca.gov or at 949.461.3481.

Sincerely,

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