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Jessica Bean
State Water Resources Control Board
Office of Research, Planning and Performance
Groundwater Management Program
Via email: jessica.bean@waterboards.ca.gov .

RE: Urban Water restrictions for Mammoth Community Water District

Dear Ms. Bean

The Mono County Board of Supervisors would like to comment on the most recently proposed draft emergency regulations for urban water use and the potential impact on the incorporated community of the Town of Mammoth Lakes and the Mammoth Community Water District. The Board is requesting a change in the regulated water use level from Tier 4 to one which reflects the more accurate equivalent user number.

This Tier change would reflect the more accurate calculation of use based upon the MCWD's 2010 Urban Water Management Plan namely 16,400 people instead of 8,000 people. Further, this figure reflects the appropriate equivalent population and will help achieve the water savings needed.

The Board understands the extreme drought California is facing however, the tier which the Mammoth Community Water District has been placed in fails to understand the destination status for the community and the transient population which routinely swells the population well beyond the 8,000 figure. We urge SWRCB to reconsider using 16,400 as the basis for calculating MCWD water usage.

The SWRCB water conservation tiers are based on gallons per capita day, but the population numbers used to calculate usage are not accurate. The placement of MCWD into Tier 4 (requiring a 36% reduction) does not reflect the District's already mandated 30% reduction for 2015, nor does it encompass the full impact of the visiting public's water use.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Fred Stump,
Vice Chair, Mono County Board of Supervisors

CC: Pat Hayes, Mammoth Community Water District