

Dear Ms. Bean,

I have just read the draft regulations and the examples of how individual families must meet the conservation standards for their tier. As I understand the examples, every family in a water district must meet the percent reduction regardless of how they have saved water or not saved water in the past. In my case for example, my wife and I live alone and use only 55 gallons of water per person per day, which would put us in Tier 2 and would only require an 8% reduction in water use. However, we live in the huge California American Water Company Los Angeles district, which is in Tier 7 and mandates a 28% reduction. I am passionate about saving water and have been for years, but I don't understand why I should have to reduce my water use 28% the same as my neighbors who have been profligate wasters for years and even with a 28% reduction will still have plenty of water to waste.

Is there not some other way to allot conservation standards based on historical usage? Could you not require the water agencies that supply the water to determine based on usage how much water each customer must save in order to meet the required percent conservation?

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