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Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board  
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Dear State Water Board,

I'm asking that you consider average water use for a neighborhood, and how individual usage compare to that average, before imposing water restriction requirements on individual homeowners.

A personal example: After we moved into our neighborhood in 2011, we removed our front and back lawns in favor of water-saving landscaping. This was not a small expense, but worth it.

Now I am hearing that EVERYONE is going to be asked to cut back water usage by 25%.....meaning that my neighbors with large lawns will hardly be affected, since they can simply turn off the sprinklers for half of the days they normally water.

We, on the other hand, use very little water by comparison, and a 25% cut (which, comparing 2011 usage to 2014 usage, we have already surpassed) is going to be genuinely difficult.

Given 21<sup>st</sup> century computers and programs, a comparison of individual to average water usage in a neighborhood would be simple.....thus making it possible to ask the water hogs to do their share, and simultaneously "rewarding" (really, just not punishing) those good citizens who looked ahead and did our conservation early.

Thank you for your consideration,

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